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# WHO ARE WE?



Cheering at a soccer game, senior Andrew Thomas likes to show his support. "I was there cheering on [senior] Shawn Siokos. I went crazy when he scored because he scraps," said Thomas

One of the great parts of being a high school student is being able to see your classmates compete in their sports and show off their talents. Whether the athletes are your friends or not, everyone wants a victory to make the school look better. Superfanning is one of the most common forms of support shown throughout the year. No matter what sport season it is, one can always find superfans supporting their favorite teams.

Along with superfanning, some students like to play sports as well. For the athletes, finding time to relax and enjoy themselves can be a difficult challenge. For the Pantherettes, the only day that they don't have practice is on Tuesday. This leaves little time to go out with friends and enjoy being a teenager.

Freshman Brooke Pospychala is having to deal with less free time. "Now that I'm in high school, I have less free time because I play soccer. I also have a lot more homework, so that cuts into my free time as well. The weekends are nice, though, to be able to enjoy my free time with my friends," said Pospychala.

#### Senior responsibility

Responsibility increases as students move higher up in grades. Senior Sara McInerney feels these changes greatly. "I feel swamped with new responsibilities this year. Being editor-in-chief of the newsnaper has been a difficult change. but I enjoy the challenge," said McInerney, "Even though I'm active with soccer and work, I enjoy the feeling of being busy rather than the feeling of being bored. When I'm bored. I feel like I'm not doing anything productive, and I believe I should always be doing something productive." McInerney works at Subway, and is also a starter for the soccer team.

Artists exist all over the school in different forms. Many artists are musicians, painters, singers, or drawers Junior Nicole Poole considers herself an artist, "I consider myself a unique artist because I am able to create art off the top of my head. My work involves no sketches or rough drafts," said Poole. "Most of the art that I draw has a lot less meaning behind the design. Liust keep adding as I see fit for the picture."

For those that do like to plan, many kids join the art club. The art club is responsible for many drawings on walls around the school such as the panther murals.

Game day for athletes is always an enjoyable day. Throughout the school, one can always see uniforms being worn to show team unity. Senior Nikola Pupac, however, chooses to not wear his uniform to school most of the time. "It's not that I want to stand out, I just like being comfortable the day of a game. It lets me be more relaxed, and I'm able to play my best later," said Pupac.

"I always wear my uniform for game day," said senior Ryan Voges. "The day of our first game, I didn't just wear my uniform, I also wore my shorts and socks as well because I wanted to play so bad."

Lunch, for many students at Griffith, is a time to relax and see all of the friends that are not in the same classes. For sophomore Rvan Avalos, his favorite part is just having a break from classes. "I enjoy eating lunch with [freshman1 Jordan Gonzalez, [freshman1 Thomas Kudyba, and Isophomorel Garrett Walter Lespecially eniov making fun of Garrett everyday because he is an easy target." said Avalos

Avalos usually brings his lunch each day, but he still buys flavored water that the school offers for sale. "I love my homemade sandwhiches," said Avalos



Kristen Pospychala



# WE ARE ...



#### Working behind the scenes

Hard at work, sophomore Hanna Vrabely helps set up the homecoming dance. "I like being a part of student council because I get to help make decisions on what goes on around this school. It's awesome to be able to be a part of homecoming," said Vrabely.

Homecoming at GHS has recently become a popular part of the school year. Until Rachel Miller, English, took over student council, the homecoming dance was not a big deal. Before, the dance was after the football game on Friday and no one dressed up. Attendance was low and no one really cared. Now, the homecoming dance is a semi-formal dance. Instead of being after the game on Friday, the dance is the night after, on Saturday. With just over half the school attending, 499 people, this dance is the most popular dance at GHS.

"After setting up, I went home and got ready for the dance," said Vrabely. "This year I went all out on the dance floor. It really changed my experience at dances because last year I refused to dance certain ways. This year I let it all out and it was definitely the best experience I have had at a dance."

#### New to the school

Being a freshman at GHS means that no rights exist. Freshman Jordan Gonzalez is still getting used to being new in the school. Gonzalez, a soccer player, has lots of people to help him learn to enjoy high school, "High school has heen a new experience for me. I have to study more to keep up my grades because classes are a lot harder " said Gonzalez.

Part of being a freshman means having people to look up to. "[senior] Matt Plawecki and [senior] Jake Long are my heroes. They both work hard at soccer. I hope I can be as good as Matt is one day," said Gonzalez, "High school soccer is really different from the other league I used to play in."

#### Picnic in the park

With her volleyball team, sophomore Catena Root relaxes at a picnic after a hard day of conditioning during the summer at Wicker Park.

Aside from practices, Root also enjoyed the team bonding that the team experienced outside of practices. Along with picnics, the team also found time to enjoy themselves in different settings. For teams at Griffith, this helps create unity and team chemistry.

We had a pool party at Stephanie Brandner's house," said Root, "It helped the team get really close, and being friends is helpful because volleyball is a sport where you have to trust others, and they have to be able to return

#### Txtin like thers no tmrw

Checking her phone, senior Sara Popovich gets ready to leave school. Never seen without her phone, Popovich is almost always texting. "As soon as school gets out, I'm constantly texting. I only take breaks when I am driving and when I sleep."

Texting at GHS is very common. Students are constantly getting their phones taken away by teachers who are on the look-out, J.R. Ford, Spanish, is known for his ability to catch texting in his class. Students know to text at their own risk in his class. "I usually catch one or two phones a week in my class," said Ford. "Students know not to text in my class because I'll catch them when they do."

#### Studving for success

Studying is a big part of being successful at GHS. As a senior, Matt Beck wants to keep his grades up so he can go to the college he wants to go to. "Philosophy is a subject that interests me a lot. Hopefully, I can concentrate my studies on that in college and get a job later in life that focuses on philosophy," said Beck.

Beck plans to attend college at Wabash in Indiana. Since dropping football. Beck has found a lot of free time for studying and socializing, "Since I didn't play football this year, I have more time to do homework, hang out with my girlfriend, and train for wrestling." said Beck. "It's nice to not have to cram in extra studying.





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The newho

Griffith High School has gone through a series of assistant principals. This year, one of the newest members to the high school. staff is Justin Fronek. Fronek was formerly known as the middle school's eighth grade history teacher, and he remains the boys' varsity basketball coach. The jump from teacher to assistant principal didn't shake Fronek at all, "I was ecstatic when I heard about my new job opportunity, and my main concerns are learning how I can help the school and all of the students," he stated. Spotlight on the stage

The auditorium has received a makeover. This year, the stage is a sharp new black color, and the curtains are a panther-friendly gold. The curtains were changed because the old curtains were against the fire code. The west AV wing is now open so that the auditorium can maintain more order and seat more people. "I don't necessarily like the new gold color, but it's a change from the 1960's mustard orange curtains," said choir director Eddie Coverrubies

Last year's outrage over the parking lot has been forgotten. Students at GHS now have the opportunity of 'first come, first serve' parking. Another change to the parking lot is that the lot next to the baseball field is not to be used. "I love the new parking system. I get the same spot every day right next to the door," said junior Katie Gilbert. On the other hand, junior Ashley Parish said, "I don't like the new system because they ran out of passes by the time I went to buy a parking pass,"

Out with the old and in with the new. GHS received new Apple computers. The computers are located in Kristina Collard's journalism room, the library, and in the GAP room. The monitors are larger and the keyboards are roughly the same size as the planners. Junior Jeremy Starks uses the computers to design a page for the newspaper, the Panther Press. "I like that the new computers take up less space so that there's more room to work, but I don't like that the InDesign program sometimes freezes,' said Starks.



Taking care of business

The first few weeks of school are tough for everyone, but eventually, everything starts falling into place. "My new job is going smoothly. I have the joy of working with wonderful students every day," said new assistant principal Justin Fronek.

#### Surfing the web

"The new computers are so sleek and compact that it's hard not to try and sneak them off in your purse," said junior Regina Hope. Hope is using the new Apple computer in Kristina Collard's journalism room, The computers came equipped with a new designing software.





Hands off our food!!!

Black and gold is taking over the cafeteria. The cafeteria's latest attempt at going green is that the school has purchased black and gold reusable trays for full lunch. "I love that my food doesn't touch, except for on nacho supreme day," said senior Sydney Reis. Cleaning up the hallways

are a part of the past. This year,

hallways. The reaction of the



Kristen Pospychala

### What's the best change at GHS?

"I like the new trays because I always used to drop my lunch when the old styrafoam travs would break."

-Emilee Trueblood 10

"The new hand sanitizer dispensers are my favorite change, I always fight Bobo Isenior Nick Bobowskil to get to them so that my hands can stay fresh and clean." - Jake Evanich 12

"I love the new selection of high school boys. They're ten times hotter than the middle schoolers."

Taylor Backe, 9

"I absolutely love the new assistant principal: The old assistant principals were too strict, and Mr. Fronek is the manus.

-Tyrell Tinnin, 11

If you're not first..

vou're last Whether GHS students are showing off their flashy Mustangs or their mom's old minivan, the parking lot is the prime high school show-and-tell spot. "I really like my parking spot. 'First come, first serve' is definitely the way to go," said senior Meghan Macak.



Kristen Pospycha

My first ... Name: Brianna Bias

Age: 15

My first day of high school

Was: really easy and relaxed; if was co much different from middle (chool.

My first tryout for soccer was: kind of ccary because I was only a freshman and there were so MANY gir (.

My first time getting in trouble in class was: in prep for adult living because I would always text thinking I was being meaky and it was completely obviouc.

My first varsity game of coccer was: really cool; I was really nervous but it was only against Hammond High so it wasn't a hard game.

bought for me." said Corich.

Excited for three-legged basketball, freshmen Taylor Austin and Abby Grabos get their legs taped together. "The other classes all ganged up on the freshmen during Activities Day and made signs saying 'Freshmen Smell," said Grabos



Amanda Zaborowski

"Casev told me she wasn't ready for a long relationship, so we broke up and stayed friends. We've been good friends for two years since. We're definitely better off as friends because we can put up with each other's attitudes and craziness," said junior Chris Melton, referring to his breakup with junior Casey McDaniel.

Reading out of boredom, freshman Joey Washack sits in ISS. "ISS is extremely boring," said Washack. "You need work to do because if you don't have work, they yell at you and send you back to the office."









First varsity game

During senior Nick Biancardi's freshman year, he played his first football game on varsity. 'During my first varsity play on defense, I gave up a touchdown. We still ended up winning. but the only time they scored is when I was in. If it weren't for that, we would have shut them out, 'said Biancardi.

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# WE Growing Up

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Many real-life situations are experienced for the first time while in Griffith. The experience may be a first trip to the boneyard, the first time representing and cheering for your class in the pep rally, or the first day walking down the Willy Wonka hall. For freshman Cindy McInerney, high school held her first opportunity to play a varsity sport. "My first year playing varsity soccer was a very challenging but exciting experience. Playing with my two sisters was my fayorite part?" said McInerney.

Falling for you

A high schooler's first prom should be magical. For some, though, it mout to be just the opposite. Sophomore Jessica Zubik's first prom was far from a fairy tale. "My mom didn't know I went to prom my freshman year, but my dad did. Everything was covered so my mom wouldn't find out," Zubik said. "I started to get heat flashes fat the dancel and thought I was going to pass out, so I leaned on my date. I passed out and he caught me. An ambulance came and put me on a stretcher. My dad came, but he let me stay at the dance. My sister called later and said my mom found out, and she came to get me. I was grounded for two months."

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Emotions run wild on the first day of freshman year. There are unfamiliar hallways, many new people, and, of course, the threat of upperclassmen. For some people, the first day of freshmen year doesn't quite go as planned. "On my first day, I was walking up the stairs. Junior] Derek Revis stepped on both of my flip flops, and I flew forward," said sophomore Hanna Vrabely. "I hit the ground, and my books flew everywhere. A ton of people were standing over me and laughing. [Junior] Natalie Aguilera helped me up. I was in tears," said Vrabely.

The Homecoming dance is expected to be a Saturday night filled with beautiful dresses and up to bear music. What is not expected, however, is a glow stick fight breaking out on the dance floor. To correspond with the theme, "Hittin' the Streets", Rachel Miller, English, had passed out glow sticks to the students at the dance. "While I was dancing to 'Party Like a Rockstar' I got hit in the face with a water bottle filled with glow sticks. It left a mark on my face that was there for the rest of the night," said freshman Alysas Gebo, about her first Homecoming dance.



Pros of having one leg Born without some of the bones in her right leg, Rachel Solar has to wear a prosthetic leg. She was with her friends and they were painting toe nails. Solar took her prosthesis leg off. 'The pros of having a prosthetic leg is if I'm ever in a fight or something I can rip it off," said Solar.

Even though color guard just started three years ago, a lot of new experiences were had. One of these new experiences was a guy team member, sophomore Bobby Stevens. "I decided to try out because I saw so many sides. I'm glad I did; I love it," said Stevens.



### ARE Not what we seem

- Earned a black belt in karate
- Went to Jr. Olympics
- Can Squeeze her nose in
- Rides dirt bikes
- Has three belly buttons

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Being one of the only people at GHS to trap shoot, senior Eric Webber stands alone with this unique hobby, which is shooting clay pigeons. He goes to his grandpa's house with his dad and uncle. They launch off the clay pigeon, and when it gets far enough they shoot them.

From underdog to champ The varsity girls soccer team made school history this season by winning conference, Playing the keeper position, junior Sarah Hurdish stopped a lot of goals to help the soccer team win.. To know that we came together and beat some of the top teams in the region felt incredible. All of our hard work paid off," said Hurdish.



# WE Incomparable

If a sport, deal with it!

From jumping on the bed to a three-fourths front barani ball out tuck, freshman Shannon Kunka has tumbled her way to nationals. "I got first out of fifty-two other people. It was really amazing," noted Kunka. From the age of three she has been attending TNT Twisters and has been competing since the age of six. Kunka has trained with many athletes who have gone on to compete at the world championships.

winkle toes

Before cleats, there were dance shoes. Before Coach Radtke, there was Jeanie's Dance Academy and Patif's All-American. Senior Eddle Boncels started taking dance lessons at the eag of four. He gave up his blue spandex with sparkles for a football uniform in the third grade. "My best memory of dancing was dancing with my sister," said Boncela. "My dance backround benefits me in sports now because I am more flexible." A lot of boys are un-willing to admit their dance backrounds, but in the end, having twinkle toes puts them ahead of the competition.

Get big

Breathing in and breathing out is very natural, but being able to puff out your stomach is pretty unique. Since the age of ten, freshman Katie Bridges has been trying to perfect this talent. She is able to suck in the bottom of her stomach, while pushing out the top. Some people call this the 'pregnant stomach'." I tried to do this because my sister would always do it, but I haven't quite got it exactly like hers yet," admitted Bridges.

At the beginning of the school year, it is common to find students looking for their new classes, but who would expect seeing bast fluttering past them? In his English class, during the second week of school, junior Richie Zakrzewski and other students saw a bat soaring through the hallway. "Seeing the bat was definitely weird but wicked weet," said Zakrzewski.

Bats have been seen in the auditorium before, but this year they decided to adventure out in the hallways and the fieldhouse. "It was crazy practicing when the bat flew over us," said sophomore Vicki Solivais.





Ride em' cowgirl

Since eighth grade, senior Sara Popovich has rode horses, and finally, about a year and a half ago, Popovich got her own horses. Hove my horse because he has a great personality, it wouldn't be the same with a different horse, said Popovich. Popovich goes to Cedar Point Horse Park in Cedar Lake to practice with her horse for competition. They have won many awards toaether.

#### Decorating for the half

A new contest, hall decorating, helped get students in the homecoming mood. "I thought it was exciting to do and cool to see the other hallways, but it took so long to finish with only about seven people helping, said junior Elizabeth Biancardi.

#### Musical chairs

Another exciting event during the pep rally is musical chairs. This event can sometimes get a little competitive between the students. "The best thing about musical chairs was fighting for the chairs, but it isn't cool when you





And the winning float is.. The junior class! "We finished the float in one day. I spray painted the whole float, and it was really cool to win because we're juniors and this was my first year doing it, so I did not expect to win," said junior Jonathan Acevedo.



Workin' it out Many students participated in the popular 80's workout/ retro day. "I really enjoy laughing at other people during spirit week and also dressing up in different outfits," said sophomore Anton Calvert.





Cheer for a win! Showing his friends some cheerleading motions, senior Dan Rodriguez cheers on the 3-legged basketball event. "My favorite part of the pep rally was definitely dressing up as a cheerleader and winning for the seniors," said Rodriguez.







"Bow Down FRESHMEN" The battle between the seniors and the freshmen lasted all throughout homecoming week. "I thought the signs that the seniors made were funny. I didn't think it was that mean because it happens every year to the freshmen," said freshman Emma Blackard.





The week leading up to homecoming, September 21-25, was spirit week. Monday was dress-up day. Tuesday was hobo day. Wednesday was the popular 80's workout/ retro day, Thursday was nerd day, and Friday was black and gold/ homecoming Tshirt day, "My favorite spirit week day was nerd day because I got to wear my St. Mary's uniform and was able to show my nerdy side," said sophomore Kathy Villalpando.

This year, they also held a hallway decorating contest to show more spirit and celebrate homecoming. The winning class got points added to their score for the pep rally. The senior class won, with the juniors following in second place. The hallways were decorated on Tuesday evening, and by the end of the school day on Wednesday just about everything was torn down. The freshmen and seniors battled each other and ripped down the other grade's signs. The seniors responded by making signs saying "We own you, freshmen" and "Bow Down". Evacuate the dance floor

This year's homecoming theme was "Evacuate the Dance Floor: Hittin' the Streets". The theme was based off the hit song by Cascada. The student council planned the dance, set up decorations, and tore down everything; it took around six hours. The dance was a success, though, because 499 people attended, which was more than ever before.

This year's homecoming was about two weeks earlier than previous years. That meant that the homecoming dance theme was chosen by the third week of school. "I didn't like the homecoming being early this year because it was harder to prepare for the dance; we had to rush to pick the theme for the dance and the colors," said junior Josh Kisfalusi.

In the past years, the ticket purchase came with a T-shirt. However, for this to be possible, the ticket sales would have had to begun the second week of school. The booster club sponsor, Kelly Bridges, offered to take the T-shirt responsibility, and they were sold for \$10. This year the T-shirts were different colors for each grade level: the seniors had black, juniors had white, sophomores had gray, and freshman had gold.

Frantic Friday...

The rivalry between the freshmen and the seniors continued throughout the day on Friday and into the pep rally. The seniors wore face masks that they wrote "freshmen stink" on

The parade went smoothly, and the junior class won the float building competition. As soon as the parade ended, it poured until the game started. The field was too muddy for the halftime show to happen. However, the rain did not wash away the rest of the excitement for the homecoming weekend. The football team won 7-6 over the Munster Mustangs.







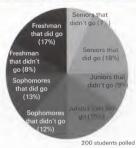
A day in the life of a nerd Rocking her high waisted pants and pigtails, freshman Brooke Posnychala wasn't scared to participate in this year's 'Nerd Day'. "I thought it was exciting to dress up as a nerd, and I didn't care what other people thought about me, so that made it better," said Pospychala.



thing I will always remember about my last homecoming is the quy [Shawn Siokos] that did the back flip during the pep rally, having a great time with my friends, and almost getting into a car accident," said senior Cartlyn Hayes.

Kiss our class goodbye Every year, the seniors steal the cow as a part of the senior prank. "I thought the best part of the senior prank was coming in late at night to set everything up and seeing Kyle Smith go crazy looking for the cow, which was stolen already so we stole it back," said senior Steven Kepchar.

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#### For the win

In the game, junior Calvin Bonewits scored the only touchdown of the night. "It was the biggest game of my life, and Munster was a tough opponent, so it felt great to win," said Bonewits. "I think we worked well as a team and played to our potential," he

#### After the dance

After dancing the night away at the homecoming dance, many students like to go out for a bite to eat. "I went to Red Robin after the dance," said senior Trisha Monroe. Several other students went out to eat at different restaurants such as TGI Fridays, Steak and Shake, and Buffalo Wild Wings.





Dressed to impress, junior Cody Modglin dances with a group of his friends. "I enjoyed dancing to 'Two-Step'," said Modglin. This, as well as several other R&B numbers, was played at the dance.



Attending the homecoming dance for the first time was freshman Jacob Koselke. "Going to my first dance was very exciting," said Koselke. His favorite part was throwing glow sticks. "My favorite song to dance to was 'Evacuate the Dance Floor'," he added.







King and queen

Celebrating their win, seniors Ashley Darrough and Barry Baltrusis congratulated each other on the football field. "My favorite part of being on court was that Nick Biancardi was on it too, and that was really cool," said Baltrusis.

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#### A book in hand

"Twilight is my favorite series because Lam in love with Edward Cullen, and all boys should be like him " said freshman Blaire Gearhart, Gearhart sat with her friend, freshman Jackie Johns, in the library to enjoy the second hook in the series New Moon.



# WE Trendset

From gladiator sandals to moccasins

Gladiator sandals. Nike sneakers, boots, and moccasins are footwear that have hit the school, Junior Jack Blount wears Nike tennis shoes, "Nikes are the best and only kicks to wear," said Blount.

Girls also wear scarves, leggings, and skinny jeans. "I wear scarves because they are in style and boots because it's cold. I don't want to wear flip flops," said sophomore Jianni Rivera. Guys have fallen into the pattern of wearing Affliction and Tapout t-shirts. Whatcha' say?

This year a famous trend is "knucks". A knuck is when two people make fists and hit knuckles. Students knuck when something good happens, or just when they see one of their close friends walking in the halls of GHS. Some students use terms such as "fire," "swoll," or "get jacked." When students go outside of the school and say these things, other people look at them like they are crazy, but to us, this all seems completely normal.

#### Music

"I listen to Lil Wayne before each one of my games because it gets me pumped up for each game," said junior Katelyn Barta.

Others prefer to listen to rock to get pumped up before games, like senior Josh Chavez. "I like to listen to Green Day because with all the changes in music since they have been around, they are still one of the best bands today," said Chavez.

Songs like "Down" by Jay Sean, "Paparazzi" by Lady Gaga, and "I Gotta Feeling" by Black Eyed Peas top the charts of favorite songs for the end of the year of 2009. Twilight

Senior Carissa Quintero likes the Twilight book more than the movie. "I like the book more than the movie because the book goes into more detail," said Quintero. Whether you prefer the movie or the book, enjoyment can be found in either one. "I read the book because it was popular so I wanted to see what all the hype was about," said senior Willie Hernandez.



These are some of the hot styles from the 2009school



Long shirts



Affliction tees





Skinny jeans





Relaxed Fit jeans



Ed Hardy sneakers

#### Text it

Sitting next to each other and texting away on their phones is sophomore Kelsey Bone-wits and junior Ashley Parish. 'My favorite application on my iPhone is Myspace, and it's easy to text on," said Bonewits.







Knuckin

"I was excited when I got a math problem right in Mrs. Chidichimo's class," senior Justin Phillips says as he shares a knuck with fellow classmate, senior Jane Hurdish, who is also in the enriched calculus class.



Tats

Sitting in Rachel Miller's English class, sporting his new tattoo, is senior Michael Mayernik. "I have always wanted to get a tattoo, and I finally could because I'm eighteen. It is based off a tribal symbol, and I plan on adding onto it in the future," said Mayernik.

#### Jammin'

With a little down time, juniors Lindsay Pierce and David Baldazo listen to some of their favorite music in the hallway during passing period. "I love to listen to Lady Gaga because she is a hermaphrodite," said Baldazo.



A growing trend at Griffith is braids. They're everywhere from being worn at school for fashion, to the girls' soccer team wearing them for luck. One of these girls is senior Brooke Blackard. "I love to wear braids in my hair because not many other people do, and I like to be different, said Blackard.

# WE Taking a Break

#### Spring Break Trips to the Wisconsin Dells

Over Spring Break, many people decided to leave Griffith, and go on a vacation to Wisconsin. In Wisconsin, people went to different water parks. Sophomore Shae Siokos went with sophomore Taylor Steffan and her family to stay at the Great Wolf Lodge Resort and Water Park. "We definitely had a great time. We played all kinds of games in the arcade like Deal or no Deal," said Siokos.

#### California, here we come!

This past year, the Chorale took a trip to California to visit the cities of Los Angeles and San Diego. While they were there, the group had many activities that included going to Venice Beach, Hollywood, and San Diego Zoo. They also went to Universal Studios and Disneyland. "The best part of the trip was definitely Venice Beach," said senior Valarie Scholte. "There was a lot of entertaining performers there, and it was laid back so we could just relax and eniov ourselves."

#### Taking a break in Cancun

A common place for people to visit for vacation is Mexico. Freshman Brett Brinkley and his family went to Cancun, Mexico for a full week this past winter. The family technically went for a Dairy Queen convention, but the family also benefitted from this trip by finding time to relax in the sun. "We went to a lot offinners for the convention, but we also got to go scuba diving and relax at the beach," said Brinkley.

#### Staying warm in the winter

Each season has a break that allows students to have a chance to relax from school. Freshman David Higgins used his winter break to spend time down at Marco Island in Florida. Even though it was winter, the weather was still nice enough to go swimming and relax at a beach. "It was pretty cool to be able to visit my grandma over break," said Higgins. "While I was there, I also met Brian Urlacher because he owns a house down in that general area."







#### Aloha

Relaxing on a boat off the shores of Hawaii is sophomore Vickie Solivais. Solivais and her family visited her brother who was stationed there with the Marines. I hadn't seen him for a while so it was a nice vacation and an opportunity to see my brother," said Solivais.





#### Art, tradition, culture

Over spring break a select group of students had a chance to go to Costa Rica to experience the Costa Rican culture. If was painting an ox-cart wheel because it helped me to learn more about the culture," said sophomore Elizabeth Kras.



#### Rock lobster

Holding a live lobster in her Unexpected memories hands is senior Sara McInerney. McInerney often visits the Owczarzak's cabin with her family, and for dinner, the group decided to cook lobster. "I was scared the first time, but I have gotten used to this tradition by now." eaid McInerneu

"I met some awesome people on the cruise. It was an unforgettable trip," said senior Rebecca Franker, Franker and her younger sister Renee were dancing to entertain the guests for the dinner after the waiter pulled them out of their seats.



One perk of vacationing is the chance to relax. Seniors Stephanie Negrete and Meghan Macak lay out on a deck in Panama City Beach, Florida. "[Going on vacation] was a nice chance to get away for a break from the stressfulness of school," said Negrete.





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#### Riding the waves

Taking advantage of nice weather are seniors Jackie Lopez and Amanda Zaborowski, Zaborowski was takıng Lopez on a ride on a jetski. "This was my first time riding [a jetski], so I was afraid at first," said Lopez.

#### California, here we come. Checking out the animals in

the San Diego Zoo are seniors Matt Beck. Steven Kepchar, and Jimmy Burch. They went with Chorale to California to attend a convention. "California was amazing. We had a once in a lifetime opportunity," said Burch

### What did you do for Spring Break?



"I got to go back to my old home in Louisiana and see my dad and my baby brother and sister."

Mike Sims, 11

"I. Jersey Shore, went with Iron Fox, Griswold, Gustav, Vogner, and Big Papi to the Wilderness and had the best week ever... by far."

Steven Kepchar, 12



"I stayed at home and had a lot of baseball practices. If I didn't stay I wouldn't be on the team."

Mike Lanfear, 12

#### Boy talk

One of the things to look forward to at a school function is seeing friends. "Me and [junior] Eric Bean like to have man to man moments sometimes. They are full of interesting topics. said junior Brian Orzechowicz.







#### All drained out

By the end of the night many students are found at tables, in chairs and even snuggled up on the couch to gain the energy they lost throughout the night. "I danced a lot and I got extremely tired. It felt amazing to just be able to sit back and relax," said sophomore Nicole Witzke

# WE Dancing di

#### Preparation at its greatest

Walk the halls of Griffith High School during the beginning months of winter, and boys will be seen awaiting the words, "Would you like to go to Turnabout with me?" Students are sure to be seen at places such as Debbie's in Whiting for a girl's ideal dress. Dunhill on Indianapolis for shirts and ties, and even Tan & Tone on 45th Avenue in Highland to get a luminous glow for the big night.

#### Behind the scenes

There is a great deal of planning to put together an exceptional Turnabout. For the Sophomore Class Council, which is sponsored by Rita Gray, physical education, and Luann Pramuk. social studies, it takes a lot of organization to come to an agreement on all the aspects of the dance. "The song choices and all the colors were the hardest for the council to agree on. It took a lot to decide, but we voted and came to our final decision after a lot of arguing," said sophomore Michelle Lesniewski.

#### Memories are forevermore

Each grade has their special reasons for going to Turnabout. Whether it's a freshman's first or a senior's last, it all comes together for memories to be created. "I had a lot of fun dancing at my first Turnabout. All in all, it turned out to be a good night," said freshman Ashlyn Paris. After high school, there is no more dressing up and getting ready for a formal dance. It's a moment of time to reminisce for later years to come.

#### The after-hours

What's more fun than the plans made after Turnabout? For senior Tim Green, it was an entertaining night. "I went to IHOP with a bunch of people, and it was cool because I went with my friends," said Green. Many students rented out limos and party buses not only for the ride to the dance but for a way of transportation to any after-hour plans. Avalon Manor has many restaurants in close proximity such as House of Kobe and Chili's that students dined at this year.



#### Dance with no fears

\*Turnabout was a great time for me, mostly because I get to dance with friends. When I am out there I just dance. I don't care who's around me," said sophomore Tiffany Burbridge.

#### Take a breather

Nonstop dancing is something students always do at Turnabout. "It gets really hot on the dance floor, and sometimes I just need to get some water and sit out for a song or two with my friends," said senior Devon Moselev.









More than a mouthful Eating after Turnabout is something every student looks forward to after the dance. "It felt really good to eat because I was so hungry after busting my moves on the dance floor," said senior Angie Fisher.



#### Limo fever

All students know that the ride to the dance is the most exciting. It is a time to get muscles warmed up and hearts racing. "On the way to Turnabout we were all rocking out to "Party in the USA" by Miley Cyrus. It was entertaining to watch everyone dance!" said senior Jessica Breclaw.

#### Young love

'It is very special to spend Turnabout with my boyfriend [senior Kevin Bynum]. It was really exciting," said sophomore Jordan Zarndt. Spending a night with that significant other is a cherished moment that students will remember for the rest of their lives.





#### Fist pumping On the ground dancing with a

group of people, senior Shawn Slokos finds the best. T was dancing and fist pumping," said Slokos. Students formed a big circle in the middle of the dance floor to fist pump to a song. Fist pumping is a new type of dancing where you pump your fists in the air.



Moving to the beat
Having a good time junior Samantha Marker dances with
her friends on the dance floor.
"Not only do I enjoy dancing
with my date, I also like dancing with my friends. It's stressfree because it doesn't matter
how good or bad you dance."

said Marker.



Prince and Princess

After the crowning, sophomores Sarah Guistolisi and Robert Fleishman share a slow dance to "Time of My Life" by David Cook. "It felt really good to win and know that people know who I am," said Fleishman.



Radar on Barry

Surrounded by the crowd of students on the dance floor, sophomore Hanna Vrabely looks for senior Barry Baltrusis. "Turnabout is my favorite dance because I enjoyed dancing with Barry," said Vrabely.



#### Dancing the night away On the dance floor senior Katie Mitchell dances with her friends. "Even though the dance was fun, the best part this year was our party bus," said Mitchell. Mitchell hung out with all her friends on the party bus before and after the dance.



#### After the dance

Enjoying dinner after Turnabout, junior Nicky Nunez talks with her friends. "I liked going to dinner at Old Chicago after Turnabout because [junior] Dustin Holycross bought a cookie pie, and we all had a piece. It was delicious," said Nunez.

#### Taking a break

Standing with his friends, sophomore Cole Felde takes a break from dancing. \*Turnabout was a blast, I love dancing with all my friends," said Felde. "Turnabout is my favorite dance to go to. I look forward to it every



### **Turnabout Court**



Robert Fleishman & **Brocke Brinkley** 





Andrew O'Brien & **Hanna Vrabely** 



Donny Hoover & Sarah Guistelisi



Garrett Litke & Taylor Steffan



#### Sharing a meal

While sharing a smile at lunch. freshmen Katie Bridges and Austin Brown discuss how their day is going, "I get to see her beautiful face while eating my PB&J every day," said Brown

#### Family business

Talking at lunch, Brett Brinkley asks his sisters, senior Kier and sophomore Brooke, a quick question. "I kind of like having them in the same school because when I need help with something I can ask them," said Brett.



# WE Togeth

#### Seeing seeing double double

Siblings are a good helping-hand through life whether they are younger or older, but having one your age definitely is an advantage. For twin seniors Courtney and Caitlyn Haves, being a twin comes in handy for school. "It's nice because if you don't understand your homework you always have someone who does," said Courtney. The Hayes sisters have a majority of the same classes, friends, and play the same sports. "Everyone knows that if you find one twin, the other one is not far behind," added Courtney.

The Hurdish twins, Sarah and Laura, also help each other with their studies, "I help Sarah in some subjects that I'm better in, and she helps me with subjects I struggle in," said Laura. That's what friends are for

When you have a best friend who sticks with you through thick and thin at GHS, things are much easier. In freshmen Brooke Pospychala and Julie Duvnjak's case, they aren't only best friends, but they are also neighbors. "We've been neighbors our whole lives and grew up together," said Pospychala. "We are almost always together." The inseparable two-some entered high school together and are still very close despite making new

Loving being in love

Several students are currently dating or have a serious relationship. Senior Jeff Godlewski and sophomore Ariana Suarez have been dating since Suarez's freshman year. "We met through a group of friends. I didn't really know who he was, and he didn't know me," said Suarez. Since then, the couple has grown much

Another couple roaming the halls of GHS is freshman Sarah Galambos and sophomore Riley Henderson. You can usually spot the couple sharing a laugh at lunch or chatting at each others lockers. "On Homecoming night he asked me out, and we've been dating ever since," said Galambos. Such devoted sisters

Hundreds of relatives have come through GHS over the years. This year, like many others, the school is buzzing with brothers and sisters, but one set of sisters is set apart. There are three McInerney sisters: Sara, Samantha, and Cindy. Sara, a senior, Samantha, a junior, and Cindy, a freshman, all enjoy going to school, participating in sports, and home life together. "We hang out at home all the time, and Sara and I have some of the same friends," said Samantha. Aside from going to school together, the sisters all play on the Griffith girls' varsity soccer team.



#### He Said / He Said



Kyle Terpstra, 12

Brian Brilmyer, 12



#### How long have you been friends?

"1st grade." "Since 1st grade."

#### How did you meet?

"Uhhhhh soccer." "We met at cub scouts"

#### What is your most memorable memory together?

"Winning Sectionals together last year." "Going to Mexico together for spring

break."

#### Do you think you will stay friends after high school?

"Obviously."

"Yes."

#### Hallway romance

To catch a break from the school day, seniors Ethan Adams and Abigail Zarndt relax together in the hallway. "We see each other all the time in school; we are practically inseparable," said Zarndt.



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Bringing home to school
Junior Brian Orzechowicz visits his mom, Kay Orzechowicz,
English, during the school day.
"It's nice having her at school
because if I ever need anything

I can just go to her," said Brian.



Maggie Butkus



Just like brothers

"We are so close, we fight like brothers," said junior Art Garcia as he and his cousins, juniors Richie Zakrezwski and David Gonzalez settle their differences while messing around in the field house. ...

Giving a smile
Rarely seen apart, juniors Lindsay
and Michelle Sopetti even spend
most of their time at school together. 'I always have someone
to talk to and understand me.
We are closer than friends could
ever be,' said Lindsay.



#### Which one works?

On a Saturday in October. Senior Kalvnn Ruiz goofs around with masks at Halloween USA. "There was this one mask there that really creeped me out and I couldn't stop staring at it," said Ruiz.





#### What is your favorite holiday movie?

"Llove The Nightmare Before Christmas because Jack is the man." Cory Dunagan, 9



Making the holiday sweet While watching Moby Dick in Mrs. Vaclavik's class, juniors Samantha Marker and Cassie Christenson were grabing a cuncake to eat "It was a nice change having a snack during a movie," said Christenson.



Showing their pride

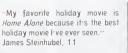
On Cinco De Mayo, freshman Khristian Avala and Krystal Mendoza were in Spanish class working on homework. "We were learning about Cinco De Mayo and had a homework assignment on it," said Ayala.



O' Christmas tree Getting into the Holiday spirit, senior Carissa Quintero is decorating the christmas tree in Mrs. Collard's room. The Christmas tree was used for secret santa. "I like that Mrs.Collard had the tree in her room because it puts us students in the spirit and not very many teachers have a christmas tree in their room, said Quintero.



· A Christmas Story is my favorite holiday movie because it gets me in the holiday spirit, and it makes me appreciate things I have." Adele Cox. 10







The Perfect Holiday is my favorite movies because it has a good story line and makes me laugh." Jasmine Bonapartee, 12





#### What a surprise!

In yearbook, the Reflector staff had a Secret Santa Gift Exchange the day before Christmas break. Junior Dylan Etheridge received a hat from American Eagle, "Secret Santa is a great surprise and the suspense throughout the week kills me until the gift giver is revealed," said Etheridge



#### Such holiday spirit!

The weekend before Easter Sunday, senior Amanda Zaborowski dressed up as bunny for the Wadworth Bunny Breakfast. Zaborowski volunteered to be the hunny and take nictures with the children. "It makes me feel great inside knowing I make kids happy," said Zaborowski.



# WE Diverse

#### Traditions of holidays

Every culture, family, and student has a different way or tradition of how they celebrate a holiday. Sophomore George Walker has a tradition with his family every Christmas. "Before opening presents, we go by the fireplace and eat cookies and other vummy foods on Christmas. I love all the delicious foods my family makes and I love Christmas because it's a time of giving,' said Walker.



International Club was selling turkey grams for Thanksgiving and Mardi-grams for Mardi-gras. They raised around 200 dollars total. The money was used for activities and a field trip for International Club. Their field trip was May 15th and they went to a Thai Restaurant. "I really enjoyed the restaurant and I wouldn't have picked anywhere else," said sophomore Kelly Lannin.

#### Holiday fiasco

Everyone knows that at least one thing goes wrong around the holiday season. Freshmen Emily Kuzmanoff and Stephanie DiSanto, had a fiasco on Christmas Eve two Christmases ago. They were stuck in a ditch for about five hours. "It really sucked and we were sad because we thought we would miss Santa," said DiSanto.

#### These are a few of my favorite things

So many events happen on holidays. No one can remember everything that happens. Usually people remember their favorite events that had happened. "My favorite is when I was ten. My family and I were drinking eggnog while watching Rudolf on T.V. when a van crashed into my garage and a lamp pole fell into my vard. "I was terrified, I wasn't sure what it was. At least no one got hurt," said junior Jamie Drummond.



risten Pospychala

#### Love is in the air

Student Council sold the Valentine-grams to raise money for Haiti. Emilee Trueblood, sophomore, recieved a gram from a friend. Trueblood was sitting in front of her locker enjoying her gram. "I was really excited when I got the gram because I never got one before, said Trueblood.



Twenty-one get 'er done

Holding up a sign for senior Shanlynn Bias, sophomore Brooke Brinkley superfans at Hobart High School for the girls' soccer team. "I went to this game because Hobart is a rival, and it was supposed to be a good game. When I superfan I feel it helps get the team ready to play," said Brinkley,

#### GHS spirit and pride

At the girls' sectional swim meet, junior Matt Ficht superfans with his swimming teammates. "I enjoy superfanning because I like to cheer on my teammates so they can perform the best they can," said Ficht. A few girls advanced to sectional finals the next day.



# perfans

@Whatisycustacorite costume? Terpstra: My blue spandex sult. Brilmyer: My silver and white spandex sult because it is skin tight.

Orzechowicz: My green spandex sult. Committed and the Committed and Committed an Terpstra: I meet up with all my friends and make sure everyone is superfaning for the game. Brilmyer: My friends and I turn on techno music and fist pump on the way to the game. Orzechewicz: I dress up, listen to loud music, and the superfans get together in the parking let.

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favorite because it is indeer. Brilmyer: Girls basketball reglonal game because they were really good. I like superfaming boys soccer even though I was the

only one. Orzechowicz: Boys basketball because there is a lot of action and it Is fast paced.

(DWhatfisthe bestparted being a superfant Terpstra: I like yelling mean things at the other team. Brilmyer: Yelling mean stuff to the other team is the best part. Orzechowicz: I like yelling at the other team and dressing up.



The student section is a popular place at basketball games. Senior Rachel Cooper puts her hands in the air while a Griffith boy shoots a free throw. "I love dressing up and cheering. It makes me feel like part of the team," said Cooper.



Mr. Hastings Not only can students superfan, but teachers also can. Robert Hastings, social studies, superfanned for a fellow teacher Jenna Berzy, social studies, at the wheel chair basketball game. "I had a good time superfanning," said Hastings, "The kids in my class got really into it and made my shirt for me."





Regional championship

Anxiously watching the clock tick down, senior Jackson Buzea cheers on the girls basketball team to a regional championship, "It was an exciting game to superfan because it was a big game for the girls. They made history," said Buzea.





# WE SUPPO

Sport traditions

Every sport has different traditions that the whole team participates in every year. Football has the most traditions of all sports. Every Wednesday and Thursday is the same for the football team. Wednesday they have pasta night. Thursday, they go to Bridge's Scoreboard, then go to the football field and talk about the next game. Finally, they go to the graveyard and break it down at the wishbone tree. "These traditions are important to maintain, so we can hand them down to the upcoming team," said senior Nick Gallina.

"I like going to Bridge's because I like being with the team," said freshman Brett Brinkley.

Other teams don't have that many traditions. Baseball only has one tradition. "The pitchers get to pick what we wear to the games," said sophomore Garrett Litke.

The wrestlers have a few traditions. The team goes out to Buffalo Wild Wings after the tournaments. "We always eat [senior] Veronica Smith's snicker doodle cookies," said junior Collin Slagle. Supporting the team

Superfanning is something that has become more popular throughout the years. Students dress up and wear costumes to the sporting events to get the players pumped up. "We chant, act stupid, and yell at the referees. It is all part of superfanning," said freshman Jesse Smith, who was always a part of the action at the basketball games.

"Football is my favorite sport to superfan because it is so exciting," said junior Megan Wilbert who hasn't missed a game all season. Since football is outside, some students painted their stomachs or they wore football shirts. "I made my own superfan shirt that I decorated for the football players," said Wilbert.

"My favorite game to superfan was the girls' basketball semi-state because it was so wild!" said junior Tyrell Tinnin.

This year's superfans made and sold shirts for the basketball games. Senior Brian Little started a Facebook group to support the student section at basketball games. On the page, Little posted where and when the games were and what the superfans were to wear. "I started the Facebook group to get people to go to the games," said Little.



#### Football traditions

Pasta night has been a tradition for the football team for over 30 years. Every Wednesday the team gets together and eats pasta and sweets. "We were feeding senior Steven Kepchar because he needs food to lead the team," said senior Kevin Bynum.

# WE **Performers**ARE **Performers**Page by: Britany Maries

#### Champions

The 2010 Pantherpalooza talent show featured twelve acts but could only award one as the best. This year's champions were seniors Michelle Velez and Jimmy Burch singing "Need You Now" by Lady Antebellum. "When they called Michelle's name for second place, I thought they were going to call my name to. When they didn't call my name. I didn't know what was going to happen," said Burch. Second place was awarded to Velez singing "Cwoby Casanova" by Carrie Underwood, and junior Dontrell Kelly took third singing "Who is the one?" by our own Eddie Covarrubias, music.

#### Coffee night

There's more than just coffee brewing at Coffee Night. This night, held once this year, allows students to perform music in a relaxing environment. Coffee Night usually consists of ten to fifteen acts and is about three hours long. "There is no stress when you perform at Coffee Night, because you are not competing with anyone, or being judged," said freshman Ciarra Krosłack.

#### Practice makes perfect

Whether students are performing for Coffee Night, or the Pantherpalooza talent show, practice is always best to ensure that their acts are perfect. Practicing for something is not always fun though; it takes commitment. "It takes a lot of commitment to perform in the show," said sophomore Brittany foren, "It's important to get your song together, and make sure you know all the words to your song."

#### The talent behind the show

For many years now the Student Council has hosted the Pantherpalooza talent show held in the GHS auditorium. Everyone has seen the talent that he students have at this school, but what the audience hasn't seen is the talent of the people behind took have the Student Council is in charge of everything that goes on in the talent show, from picking the performers to positioning mixture phones on stage. "We [Student Council] birn ja oft of students together by putting on the talent show, and you really learn to respect everyone that performs," said stophomore Sarah Clark.





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Rockin' out In the auditorium at the Pantherpalocza talent show, sophomore Jimmy Gaydos and senior Nick Gaydos perform the "Power Rangers Theme Song" and "Wipeout." "I wasn't nervous about performing at the show, because we practiced our act a lot," said Nick.



# Show off your skills! Playing at the 2010 Panther-palooza talent show, junior Martin Bowman performs a guitar solo he arranged himself. 'This was my third year performing in the show, so I wasn't really nervous at all.' said Bowman.



I wanna rock n' roll all night
For the first time ever, sophomores Joel Kepchar and Donny
Hoover performed "Stacy's
Mom" at the talent show with
their band Ez Pz LeMMoN
sQuEEz. "At first, we just got
together to play for the talent
show, but now we play as an actual band," said Kepchar.

Putting on a show

Performing at the talent show, junior Alyssa Lanting and sophomore Amanda Falcon twirl their flags for colorguard. The talent show was definitely a lot easier than performing at games, because we didn't have to move around as much," said Lanting.



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#### Match the people to what they performed during the Talent Show or Coffee Night.

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A. Mexican Folklore Dance: "Jarabe Tapito"

Clarence Young, 11



B. Vocal Solo: "Who is the one?"

Sarah Velasquez 9



C. Vocal and Guitar solo:
"Right Where You Want Me"

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Dontrell Kelly, 11

D. Vocal solo: "Lonely Day"

Karis White, 9



E. Vocal solo:
"Officially Miss You"

Joe Zuniga, 11

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Coming back to the talent show after winning first last year, senior Michelle Velez sings 'Cowboy Casanova' by Carrie Underwood.' I really didn't care about winning, as long as I was having fun," said Velez. She also performed 'Lucky' with senior Jimmy Burch, and 'You Belong

With Me" at coffee night.

Sing your heart out!

Hanging around

Hanging out at Central Park, sophomores Justin Pernick and Danny Gross hang around on the playground. "My friends and I just like hanging out and doing whatever," said Pernick.

#### After the bell rings at 2:55 ...



"I ge and hang out with my cousin."

-Ashley Dodson, 12

"I have to go to tennis practices and games normally."

-Donny Hoover, 10





"I go home for a little bit, then I have soccer practice."

-Caitlin Brown, 9

"I go home right away, get food, and play videos games."

-Matt Ficht, 11





# WE Out of control!

page by: Dylan Etheridge

Fall Break

Here at GHS, it seems that school starts about a week earlier than all of the other schools in our area. As a reward for starting so early, Griffith High School gets a full week off in October for fall break. Everyone spends their fall break a little differently. Whether it is hanging out with your friends, spending time with family, or doing a little of both, a week off of school is bound to be relaxing and well spent. Many students stay home for fall break, but others have big adventures. "I went snorkeling in the Grand Turk while I was on the Liberty cruise ship," said sophomore Jenny Lanfear.

Loving the outdoor life

Some kids at GHS relax and lay back for their two days of break, but others go out and spend time with friends. One thing to do over the weekend is to have a bonfire. Sudents go to friends' houses to roast some marshmallows and chill around a fire. Bonfires are great for the winter time of the year, because it is nice to warm up next to the fire. "Whenever I have a fire, we just mess around and talk," said junior Chris Curnow.

Party tim

For many of the students at GHS, Friday and Saturday nights are a great time to get together with friends and have a party. Many students plan parties after Friday night football games. Some others start their parties early and hang out all night. At high school parties, there is always something to do. In the warm months, students enjoy swimming parties, and when it gets colder, parties consist of hanging out with friends inside and saving warm. Parties are also a great way to meet new people. "I have parties with everyone and their brothers," said senior Emily Million.

Finding ways to keep busy

The life of a normal student at GHS is very busy. School takes up half the day from Monday through Friday, and after schod sports have practices, Friday nights during football season are spent at the boneyard, and many different sports games take place during the week. With the time students have left of their day, many of them have part-time jobs to help support themselves. "I like working at Subway because I have friends that work there," said junior Samantha McInerney.





#### Getting some sun

Enjoying a day at the beach, junior Maggie Butkus jumps off a cliff. "I love having adrenaline pumping through my veins. Experiencing new things makes me happy," said Butkus.



#### Eat it up

Since sophomore Tyler Yost needed help, junior Jack Blount feeds him a bite of his food. "I saw my boy Yost having some trouble eating his food, so I thought I would help him out," said Blount.



#### Lights Out

Rachel Garastik

Keeping cozy around a bonfire, sophomores Catena Root, Kelsey Bonewits, and Tori Louviere enjoy the night at sophomore Stephanie Brandne house. 'We were over at Brandner's house for her birthday, and we decided to have a fire," said Root.



Playing Rock Band with her friends is junior Katelyn Barta. <sup>11</sup> like playing Rock Band because it brings out my inner rockstar, said Barta. The game consists of two people playing guitar, one playing the drums, and one singing. <sup>10</sup>My favorite part is the drums because I'm good at it, said Barta.

Rockband

#### Bustin' a move

Dancing together are juniors Dontrell Kelly and Regina Hope. "I danced the entire night at prom. After I was dancing with him [Kelly], my legs hurt so bad I nearly tripped when I walked away," said Hope.

#### Break a sweat

To show off his dancing moves. junior Brian Orzechowicz dances to Oh My Gosh by Usher. "I was sweating real bad, so I put on a bandana I had. It helped keen it out of my face " said Orzechowicz







# WE Extravaga

Making preparations

Many students at Griffith High School feel that Prom is the major production the school puts together. The 2010 Prom was held on May 7 at the Halls of Saint George at 7:00P.M.-12:00A.M. Hair appointments were scheduled late, accessories were bought last minute and even the DJ was missing the theme song; On a Night Like This. Collecting money for limos, cabins, and even ordering flower bouquets are all a part of getting ready for the dance. "I had to get my hair done really early, which made me sit at home for a long time. I waited too long to do my make-up so Matt [Plawecki] was at my house before I was finished getting dressed. We were pretty late for pictures," said sophomore Taylor Steffan.

#### Pictures, eating, and dancing

Walking through the doors to Halls of Saint George can be overwhelming. With all the decorations, poofy dresses, music, and camera flashes, it's no wonder why prom is a favorite among Griffith High School students. "My favorite part of the night was the food. That fried chicken was so good. It was way better than the mashed potatoes and salad," said freshman Cassy Taylor, "but I would have to say the funniest part of the night for me was when me and Princess [Kristyn Cannon] and I were dancing with Barry [Baltrusis]."

## Welcoming the Royal Court

Announcing the prom king and queen...it's juniors Jeremy Starks and Samantha McInerney. It's a great honor to become a part of prom court but to win it means a lot more to these individuals. "It's pretty exciting [to win], because it shows I have a lot of friends in my grade and people from other classes." said Starks

Along with the king of the night, the prom queen has her own personal opinion, "When I won prom queen I thought of Mean Girls and when she broke the crown in little pieces for everyone. I probably would have done it but it wasn't my crown to keep," said McInerney.

#### Continuing the fun

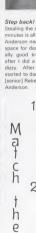
What's the best part about prom? Afterwards, of course. This year many prom groups decided to rent cabins in Monticello, Indiana and Wisconsin Dells. For others, after-prom plans are a little more casual and close to home. "I went to Round the Clock on Route 30 with some people in my group. Some of them were really getting annoying because they wouldn't stop throwing things across the restaurant," said senior Olivia Kalis.







Amanda Zaborowski





Stealing the spotlight for a few minutes is all that senior Jacob Anderson needed to get some space for dancing. "I had a really good time at prom, but after I did a spin I got pretty dizzy. After that happened, I started to dance with my date, [senior] Rebecca Franker," said

#### Ride the train

Just like every year, Come On Ride the Train by Jock Jams plays and a large majority of students participate in riding the train throughout the Halls of St. George. Senior Ryan Mc-Coy and junior Kyle Jursic join in on the train riding tradition.



Manicure heaven

"I always have such a hard time understanding the people who do my nails. Their accents are so hard to follow, but I love getting my nails done instead of doing them myself," said senior Amber Crook. Crook got her nails done at Diamond Nails next to Albert's on Main Street.

#### Line dancing Joe

Trading in high heels for flip flops, senior Angelina Ojeda gets ready for Cotton Eye Joe. "After line dancing my friends and I raced to get a ton of water. I was so thirsty," said Ojeda.



Kristen Pospychala

Answers: L&B 2&C 3&A





Holding on for dear life The day after prom, senior Car-

risa Quintero fears for her life as senior Nick Biancardi drove a boat wildly around Lake Shafer. "I had the best time of my life on the boat, even though I almost landed in below freezing water," said Quintero.



Lasting memories Posing for a picture, senior Dan Rodriguez snaps a photo of himself and friend senior Justin Phil-

lips to remember his last dance. "I couldn't believe it was my last. It was sad, but I still had a good time," said Rodriguez.



#### Prom king and queen

This years prom king and queen were juniors Samantha McInerney and Jeremy Starks. "It had already been an enjoyable evening, but was even more memorable after winning king and dancing with Sam," said Starks.



#### Apples to Apples

"We played cards for four hours and everyone was trying to argue to win. It was hilarious," said senior Shanlynn Bias. The group went to Lawrence Lake in Michigan. "We didn't have anything else to do really."



Dancing all night

said Roman.

After dinner, senior Elizabeth

Roman danced the night away

with her date, senior Dion Stam-

mis. "At first, I though prom was

going to be lame, but surpris-

ingly I had an awesome time,"



Walk it out

A group of people formed around junior Kevin Graham as he danced, "I had dance fever so I formed a circle around me to show up my skills," said Graham. He even got an encore and the crowd was clapping.



#### Relaxing and fishing

"I had a great time trying to fish. I was really mad that I didn't catch one," said senior Jake Evanich. Evanich's group went to a friend's lake house. "We had a great time even though the weather wasn't great," said Evanich.

# 2010 Prom Court page by Brooke Trublood and Samanlha McInerney



Samantha McInerney & Calvin Bonewits



Taylor Reitz & Dontrell Kelly



Brittany Sanders & Cody Modgelin



Brooke Trueblood & Brian Orzechowicz



Megan Wilbert & Jeremy Starks

# WE out of here!

page by Raguel Mazur

#### The long journey

Thirteen years of school (fourteen if you count preschool) has come to an end. It seems just like yesterday that the seniors were in sixth grade doing the banquets, getting ready to enter a strange world of no recess, lockers and not cubbies, and having over five teachers a day. But now, the primary education of elementary, middle, and high school has ended. On June 6, 2010 at 2 o'clock in the main gym, the class of 2010 moved their tassests from right to left to symbolize the transition from candidate to graduate. "High school has gone by really fast. It seems like yesterday I didn't want to go to biology, and now I'm a senior and graduating," said senior David Rutherform.

#### Our experiences

This year's senior class has seen a lot of changes throughout their course of high school. They came in with the current principal. Bonnie Manuel, and have seen four different vice principals. They also saw their hoodies and the half days taken away. The pay-off from finishing ISTEPs sophomore year was greeted with having to come to school anyway junior and senior year, instead of sleeping in while the freshmen and sophomores took the test.

Multiple sports teams came out victorious in seasons, and some didn't do as well as they hoped. From the 2009-2010 girls' basketball team making it to the Final Four to the excitement of the football team possibly making it to state in 2006-2007, 2010 has had extraordinary moments. "My junior year of soccer is something 1'll take with me from high school because of our sectional win. That night will always stand out as the highlight of my life," said senior Ryan Voges. "The happiness that I felt and got to share with the team I loved will never be matched or forgotted will never be matched or forgotted will never be matched or forgotted."

#### ow we've changed

Throughout the course of high school, changes occur in everyone. People change physically and mentally. They grow apart from friends, make new ones, change their fashion styles, their hair color and cuts, and they ditch the appearance of adolescence. High school is a time where they find out who they are, and who they aspire to be as people. They make mistakes, and learn from them, which makes them wiser. "I've made friends I never thought I would be friends with," said senior Amber Cornett. "Csenior) Jeremy Dalton is really quiet and is the exact opposite of me. I never imagined we'd become good friends."

#### This is just the beginning

Although high school has come to an end, the seniors' lives are just beginning. After school, there is college, jobs, careers, families, and so many more experiences to be had. By the end of the school year, most of the seniors are eager yet reluctant to leave. They see this as the end of carefree times, but this is just the beginning. Some choose to further their education, while others are join various branches of the U.S. military. Either way, money can sometimes be an issue.

Some students, in order to help off set the cost of college, applied and won scholarships. Senior Jake Long won the Lily scholarship, which gives him a full ride to any Indiana School. Senior Kim Russell has her full ride to Indiana University Northwest, along with StiOod from the National Association of Letter Carriers. "It think it's pretty awesome that I got the scholarships," said Russell. "Wy parents are existing and very proud off me, too."







#### Class song: "Live Like We're Dying" by Kris Allen

Yeah, gotta start looking at the hand of the time we've been given here. This is all we got and we gotta start thinkin' it. Every second course on a clock that's tickin'. Gotta live like we're dying! We only got 63,400 seconds in a day to turn it all around or throw it all away. We gotta tell 'eam that we love' em while we got the chance to say.

Gotta live like we're dying!

Class moffe: "I'm on a boaf!"
From song "I'm on a boat" by the Lonely Island feat. T-Pain
("I got my stolm frunks, and my flippy-flopples!")

#### Class flower: Llly

(Represents: Majesty, wealth, pride, innocence, and purity.)



#### Here's to you, Big Bro

Having stopped the entire ceremony and drawing students and spectators to their feet senior Shawn Siokos proudly walks away from the stage. As he went up the stairs, Siokos caught his foot under the step and fell-hard. Siokos did this just as his brother, Steve, had done three wears so at his oraclustion.





#### Number One

On June 6, 2010, senior Jane Hurdish was no longer considered a senior. Hurdish, who was the valedictorian, gave a speech which included specific details about the band becoming part of her family, and the lack of support from the administration for the arts programs.



#### Lucky number seven!

Enjoying cake at the Top Ten dinner held on Sunday, April 25, 2010, senior Zach Kisfalusi laughs with his family and Kristina Collard. 'Mrs. Collard has influenced me to be interested in journalism," said Kisfalusi. "I gained a passion for writing that I didn't have before, and she's someone I can go to for anything." Kisfalusi will be attending Northwestern University to double major in geology and journalism.



Maggie Butkus





Give up the cap and gown! Or else! Right after the ceremony, all seniors had to return their caps and gowns because this was the first year they were rented. If not returned, those seniors didn't get their diplomas until they paid back over \$200. Luckily, senior Rachel Dennison was on top of this and immediately received her diploma after the ceremony.

Maggie Butkus

## Preparing for the big day

Edwards sneaks in to grab her cap and gown before heading to her fifth hour Spanish class. "I am very excited to graduate because I've been here for four years. I'm ready to get on with my life and get out of these hallways," said Edwards.



#### We are best dressed

For the senior superlatives, seniors Justin Phillips and Sara Winiecki won the award of best dressed. "I was high-fiving Sara after we won best dressed. Also. I must say we were looking really ridiculously good that night," said senior Justin Phillins.

#### Making memories

While eating hot dogs chins cookies, and pop, senior Daniella Alvarez talks with her friends about college plans. 'The best part of senior year was knowing that I get to leave and go to Ball State after I graduate," said Alvarez.





Raquel Mazur

#### Chillin' on the lawn

On May 26th at 11:00 a.m., the seniors had their last group activity which was the senior cookout. "The best part of the senior cookout was being outside with my friends and talking about what we were going to do after we graduate. Although I'll miss seeing them everyday, I'm ready to graduate and start my life,"



Raquel Mazur



Banquet at Sanfratellos

Sitting at the banquet, seniors Kristen Gulley, Amber Crook, and Taylor Long enjoy one of the last times together as a group. "I'm excited to graduate because I can't wait to be done with high school. but I will probably miss some of the people that I won't see as much anymore," said Crook.



Chowin' down at the picnic After they ate at the cookout, seniors Stephen Greenwood and Josh Sanders played a game of bags. "The food was delicious and it was cool to get out of my classes for the day. I enjoyed playing bags, it was really funny to watch how bad everyone was," said Greenwood.



# Senior Superlatives





































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# WEARE ...



#### Hands on experience

Sometimes, subjects can't be taught in the classroom completely. In order to maximize their education, students go on field trips at Griffith. Whether a student goes on one or many, field trips are great experiences that offer a chance for an alternative to learning in a studown setting. Students can take finled trips to meet with professionals in a certain field of study. Also, many clubs go on field trips to support the cuse.

"We went to Purdue Calumet for a field trip," said senior Jake Anderson. "We went on a tour of some of the buildings. We also listened to a lecture about the Canterbury Tales. The lecturer made it easier to understand what was going on because it has a confusing plot."

Other people go on field trips to fully appreciate a time period that they can't visit. Shakespearian plays are common sites for field trips because of the rich time period, and the great writing talent that William Shakespeare possessed.

"I love going to see plays for field trips," said senior Carissa Quintero. "Plays let me see a performance in a different style than just reading pages from a book does. It's also nice to take a break from classes for a day too because I have a hard schedule. I can relax while learning at the same time, which is assessing."

Field trips allow a different kind of experience that allows a student to fully utilize his or her mind and abilities to the best effectiveness. Certain field trips, like going to Burger King for health class, allow a student to see what is taught in the classroom to be seen in a real life. Other field trips, like going to Purdue to watch their glee club's Christmas performance, allow singers to see a higher level of tallent and ability.

#### What's the scoop?

For some students at GHS, interviewing, taking pictures, and putting pages together is an appealing job. Junior Jeremy Starks is a page designer for Griffith's newspaper publication: Parther Press. Every two weeks, a new issue of the Panther Press is distributed to students who purchase a subscription.

"Newspaper is a great class. I'm able to get valuable experience with design and writing while I'm with friends and enjoying myself." I especially enjoy writing my column [Jeremy's Jibba Jabba] because I love to state my opinion on all kinds of subjects."

#### Keeping it all together

Planning is essential in order for clubs to function and achieve their purpose. For Griffith's sophomore class council, planning for Turnabout begins as early as October. Sophomore Aisha Darrough enjoys writing all of the ideas that the council comes up with on the heart

"For Turnabout, we plan just about everything," said Darrough. "We're in charge of picking the theme, song, and colors of the dance. We also help to make sure the dance runs smoothly. Overall, we try to make sure that this is the best Turnabout that Griffith has ever had."

#### Broadening horizons

A curiosity to explore and learn about other countries would draw a student at Griffith to join International Club. With trips to Europe and other places around the world, the group needs a lot of funds to be able to operate and enjoy their experiences. Sophomore Stacie Hansen has enjoyed being a part of this club.

"I didn't join International Club year, and it looked interesting so I joined," said Hansen. "We sold Thanksgiving Grams to help lower the cost of field trips. I really want to go on those field trips if the cost is not too high, but hopefully our fundraising will help."

#### Artistic photography

For some people at GHS, clubs can be used to tap into a student's potential for greatness. Griffith's Art Club is a perfect example of this type of club. This club is responsible for many murals and drawings of panthers that are seen around the school.

"Art Club is a good time for me to develop my photographs," said junior Ray Alvarez." I love taking pictures and developing them. It's a good experience and I believe that everyone can appreciate photographic art in some way, shape, or form. The time during art club is a perfect chance for me to do a hobby that I enjoy doing."







#### Smiles all around

With smiles on their faces, junior Kylee Ulm and senior Maddie Goodman watch as senior Quin Barwick gets lifted in the air for a scene in the musical The Wedding Singer. This scene was really funny because Quin was almost dropped," said Goodman.





Amanda Zaboro



#### Finding their rhythm

Playing the clarinet for the winter concert in the auditorium is senior Kylee Loudenber. There was such a large audience at this performance, but we all did really well," said Loudenber. This performance took place in early March.

#### We want an encore

"The bar mitzvah scene was a common favorite. I enjoyed dancing and singing to this scene," said junior Chris Melton. *The Wedding Singer* was held in the auditorium April 16th, 17th, and 18th, and sold over 800 tickets.





#### Sing your heart out

Practice makes perfect, and with chorale that's exactly what they strive for. 'We're al-ways practicing especially right before a performance because we want to be the best.' said senior Stephanie Negreta.

#### Lights, camera, action

Dancing together as a homosexual couple in the school play 'The Wedding Singer' are juniors Jeremy Starks and Clarence Young. 'I really enjoyed my part in the play. I love making people laugh,' said Young.



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While in the spotlight, senior Chrissy Leslie, who played Julia Sullivan, shows off her dancing moves. "This was one of my favorite dances in the play. It was to the song "Today you are a man." We all had a good time." said Leslie.

Practice, practice, practice Rehearsing her dance for the upcoming production The Wedding Singer, junior Kylee Ulm perfects her moves with her fellow cast members. Rehearsals were always a good time; the whole cast became really close." said Ulm



→ PREPARATION Days, weeks, even months before a performance can be quite heethe for anyone involved. For chorale and band, they have a class period during the school day set saide to practice everyday for performances, but drama club doesn't have that advantage. Drama club must come after school from three to ten o'clock at tight to practice for upcoming performances. Preparations for chorale and drama are almost the same, they both have vocal practices and dress rehearsals, but with drama, rehearising lines are very important. Band, on the other hand, doesn't use their voices in a performance. Their preparations include: breaking off into sections that play the same instrument and run through the same songs over and over until they reached perfection.

→ PRE-PERFORMENCE JITTER'S Nerves can sometimes get the best of students when it comes to a big performance in front of hundreds of people. "When I get nervous before a performance I bereathe and think about what I am singing. I also look at Mr. C [Eddie Covarrubias], for reassurance," said junior Jasmine Mata.

For some fortunate others, a performance is nothing new to them. "I never get nervous. Performances come naturally and I'm just a very confident person," said senior Alexis Mata about chorale and drama.

→ AFTER PARTY Everyone awaits the big day of a performance, but when everything is done and over with it's time to reward all the hard work put into it. A cast party or "after party" is a great way to show appreciation towards everyone involved in making a performance go smoothly. "I love cast parties because it's a great way to bond with everyone," said junior Chrissy Colgrove.



Amanda Zaborowsk





GETTING ORGANIZED BEFORE YOU PER-FORM ON STAGE CAN BE HECTIC. HERE IS A CHECKLIST PUT TOGETHER BY PEOPLE THAT PERFORM ALL THE TIME!



"IN ORDER TO PERFORM I NEED TO HAVE A GOOD JOKE OR HAVE SOMEONE WHO IS FUNNY TO KEEP ME HAPPY AND CHEERFUL FOR THE PERFORMANCE." SAID CLARKSA HARDY, 10.



IN ORDER TO PERFORM HIS BEST, ERIC SANDERS, 12 SAID, THAT HE NEEDS TO HAVE A CLEAR MIND TO DO HIS DEST AT WHAT HE DOES.



A POSITIVE ATTITUDE IS ONE OF MANY THINGS THAT TRISHA KEOWN, 12 CHO-RALE NEEDS IN ORDER TO SING HER BEST.



TO PERFORM HER DEST SENIOR KYLEE LOUDENBER NEEDS TO HAVE SELF CON-FIDENCE AND TO ALSO BE THINKING ABOUT PAST FUNNY MOMENTS.



"NOT BRING AFRAID AND GOING WITH THE FLOW" IS HOW JIMMY BURCH, 12 GETS THROUGH HIS PERFORMANCE, HE NLSO LIKES TO TRY SOMETHING NEW AND HAVE A GOOD TIME.



Performing is one of many things that senior Jose Cisneros does. He sings in the chorale and plays the piano for school and competitions. "Playing the piano is what I do best, said Cisneros.



The hardest thing in band is having to have good endurance," said sophomore Mike Kent. Having good endurance is one of the many difficult tasks, such as staying in step and projecting as much sound as possible for the audience to hear.





#### Harmonize

"Choir is hard work in order to get ready for the performance." sophomore Joel Kepchar said. Getting ready for a performance consists of memorizing songs and breathing techniques. Learning choreography on and off the risers is another challenge.













#### Play it fortissimo

Playing in band for the winter concert, junior Megan McVicker plays a flute solo. This is one of many solos she has played. She has gotten use to playing solos. "Solos are not hard for me to do anymore. The only hard part is having to play by yourself," said McVicker.



Sing it loud, sing it proud Singing in the chorale is hard work. One thing that many students look forward to is going on their trip to another state. This year, they are going to California. "I am really excited to go have a good time in California and hang out with everyone that is in chorale," said senior Valarie Scholte.

#### Pushing on through

This year is the hardest year yet for the GHS color guard. They had a harder routine and moves. They also added riffles for those who have been on the team longest. "Having all these new additions, I pushed myself even further then before, and I got many bruises, but it was a great outcome in the end," said junior Imani Ross.





# WHAT DO YOU DO TO FREFARE FOR COMPANION

DECA

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD



"WE GO OVER TESTS FOR STATE, LOOK OVER TERMS, AND THEN PRAC-TICE ROLE PLAY." TED HTZGERALD, 10



HARD TO BE PHYSICALLY READY AND RIGHT BEFORE PREFORMANCES WE GET PUMPED."

KELLY JONES, 11



"WE PRINT INFORMATION OFF THE INTERNET THAT IS USEFUL AND STUDY OUR 'AS A TEAM, WE PRACTICE NOTES FROM SCHOOL' JEREMY DALTON, 12

#### Blast off!

Filling up their water-propelled rockets, junior Ray Alverez and senior Jeremy Dalton hope to place for their science olympiad event. "I was mad when our rocket came in fourth place," said Alverez. "We were one place off from getting medals and points for our team."

#### Brother-sister team

Working with her brother, senior Jill Fitzgerald accepted the first place award for the Buying and Merchandising catagory at the DECA regionals at Munster High School. 'It was exciting to come in first place for our last year working as a team," said Jill Fitzgerald.





#### Dance the night away!

In January, the thespians did the official drama line dance at state for competition. They had a formal dinner and then went to the own and had a party. 'The party was disappointing, but I still had an awesome time," said senior Maddy Goodman.

#### Be precise

## At Jackson Field in South Bend. IN, the band and color guard perform for competition in Octo-

ber. The band won gold and an auxiliary award for color guard visual. "Over exaggerating the moves is very important," said senior Jasmine Freeman. The band would discussed the positives and negatives of performance after the competition.



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On your mark, get set, go! Inside of the Ivy Tech Institution, sophomores Joel Kepchar and Ted Fitzgerald run their mousetrap racers for the science olympiad wild card competition. "The mouse trap racer took hours to calibrate, and I was disappointed when it broke," said Kepchar



Show off those moves On January 16th in Munster the girls took fourth place at the competition. Before they went out and danced they stretched and listened to music. "It's not about winning, it's about having an awesome time with the team."sophomore Mallory Baccino said.

- -> CLUBBIN' MAKES FRIENDS In a club, students not only work on their own, they work as a team. Team work is very important and to work with the members on the team, they need to build friendships. In DECA (Distributive Educational Clubs of America) the students pair up for competition. "You need to get along with everyone on the team, so it doesn't matter who you work with," said freshman Blaire Gearhart.
- → SUPER BOWL XIX Going into the Academic Super Bowl, the teams need to practice in order to tackle their opponents at competition. The Super Bowl includes six different catagories; math, English, science, fine arts, history, and interdisciplinary. "I like fine arts because I like listening to music and learning more about the artists," said junior Cassie Christenson.
- → WHAT'S THAT STAND FOR? Most of the student body has no idea that J.E.T.S is a club or what it stands for. J.E.T.S stands for Junior Engineering and Technology Society and they have a competition every year. This year on March 9th, the students involved only had one meeting to prepare for competition, "We could have used more practices, but we didn't know exactly what we were getting into," said sophomore Rvan Zubrick.
- → BUILDING WITH SCIENCE The students in Science Olympiad each have to choose a couple events to participate in. There are over 20 events to choose from including anatomy and physiology, it's about time, and disease detectives. "I am in Science Olympiad because I can make more friends and it looks good on college applications," said freshman Mia DalSanto.



→ BLOOD SUCKERS Out of the ten pints of blood in the adult body, just one pint will save three lives when you donate blood. One out of seven people in a hospital need blood every day. This year at the annual blood drive, sponsored by NHS, 78 pints of blood were collected. Do the math: GHS saved 234 people's lives by spending an hour laying down! Sophomore Emilee Trueblood donated for the first time this year. "I donated because it's for a good cause," said Trueblood. "I might do it again, but it hurt when people said it wouldn't."

→ I WANT CANDY! This year, selling candy bars and suckers to earn money has been very popular. The Panther Press, National Honor Society, the band, science olympiad, international club, student council and Pantherettes all sold candy! "We sold the bars so that we could possibly have two colored. issues of the Panther Press at the end of the year," said junior Joe Zuniga. Each staff member sold one box each semester, creating a profit of about \$500, the same amount that is needed to publish one issue in color.

→ COMING TOGETHER FOR OTHERS Two very powerful earthquakes struck Haiti and Chile that left destruction and devastation in its wake. Haiti's quake topped 7.0 on the Rictor scale, and Chile's made the Earth's day 1.24 seconds shorter with an astounding 8.8. In order to help out the less fortunate in these countries, Rachel Miller, English and the student council sold smooch suckers in February and collected donations where all proceeds went to the Bush-Clinton Haiti Foundation. "We decided smoothes were the best things to sell because everyone likes them and everyone wants them," said senior student council president Dan Rodriguez. "We sent about \$400 to Haiti. We sold around 1,000 suckers at seventy-five cents a piece, and had a iar for random donations."



1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10... One of the most exciting fund raisers that students like to participate in is the penny war. The difficult part about it is counting all of the shiny currency. "In just pennies, I counted about 500 in the ten minutes I was there," said senior Jimmy Burch.



"One person put a fake name on their name tag, so we all followed to see if customers would call us by those names," said freshman Jackie Johns. This was the band's fifth rummage sale that was held at Griffith Lutheran Church that raised money for the band's expenses.





#### To be two again... multiple throughout the day, especially from principal Bonnie Manual, Senior Montana Kroslak spices up the paiama for Haiti day. "I donated my dollar for both the cause and the pajamas," said Kroslak. "I'm a pretty spontane-

#### Oh so sweet

"We all had to sell at least one box of candy. They're worth \$69 dollars each because they were so big. Mine took me three days to sell," said senior Chrissy Leslie. National Honor Society sold candy to raise money for the organization.



#### A tastv idea

Working behind the scenes to satisfy hungry customers, junior Ryan Fisch and senior Passion Newson-Bradey prepare pizza slices for sale. "The part I enjoy most about DECA is that it brings everyone together for one common goal for business," said Fisch.



#### SENIOR ANTHONY MARKER HAS EXPERI-ENCED SOMETHING MOST PEOPLE NEVER HAVE. ANTHONY ALMOST DIED, In August. he was admitted to St. Margrets hospital in Dver for Lemierre's disease. Lemierre's disease is a blood disease that attaches to the organs and shuts them down if not treated. "I didn't think that there was a possibility that I might die. It made me realize that you should never underestimate how bad a situation can be always assume the worst," said Marker, On September 1st, he was airlifted to the University of Chicago,

In order to help pay the bills from being in the hospital for a month, GHS did a penny war where all proceeds went to Marker. "It helped a lot with insurance. It turned out to be the largest sum of money received (over \$1500). It was really nice, and thanks for the encouragement for my recovery."

Marker had been put on some of the same medications that killed Michael Jackson in June 2009.



#### Doing what's right

which alone cost \$1500.

"I got light-headed and sick after I donated, but I will definitely do it again," said sophomore Josh Rodner Junior Alexis Morikis and sophomore T.J. McCoy both donated for the first time also. The blood drive was in the main gym.

#### Disable the label!

In order to raise awareness of disabilities month in March, the "Rollin' Hoosiers" sell T-shirts, "I wanted to help raise money for (freshmen) Jodi and Jackie Morales' and (freshman) Allison Nolan's team," said freshman Jessica Hicks.



#### School spirit

Hanging up a poster for booster club, freshman Janelle Owczarzak, helps support the wrestling team before sectionals. "I was helping out by spreading school spirit for the wrestling team before sectionals," said Owczarzak.

#### Catapulting to victory

Senior Zack Kisfaliisi sets un a catapult to practice for the Science Olympiad competition. "I was adjusting the spring to show [senior] Nick Biancardi the power that the catapult actually creates," said Kisfalusi.









→ ADDING IT UP The math bowl team meets twice a week in Christine Chidichimo's math room for practices. The competition they are involved in gives them a bunch of problems that are eligible to be in the competition. Chidichimo then relays them to the students, "I show the team how to do the problems that they need help with and teach them exactly how to do it," said Chidichimo.

→ SPELL IT OUT The spell bowl team has grown a lot since the beginning of this year. There has been new technology that has come to the use of the team. There is a program on the computer called CalTutor which says the possible words that could be used at the competition and has the kids spell it out. Kelli Bridges, Spanish, a coach of the team, says "The kids practice with CalTutor three nights a week and have a weekly handwritten test."

→ SCIENTIAC AND TERRIAC The Science Olympiad team usually meets in Emily O'Brien's, Science, room two times a week. "We mess around in Science O everyday. One day, we had a water bottle fight with those squirt bottles that Mrs. O'Brien uses to clean the overhead," said sophomore Joel Kepchar.



Halloween in December The Pantherettes help out little girls in the community at the annual "Lil' Girls Camp", "My favorite part of the Lil' Girls Camp was teaching the dance to the girls," said freshman Katie Bridges. This year the theme was "Holiday Camp"



#### Flashy lights

"Katie and I were setting up the lights and decorations for the homecoming dance," said sophomore Brooke Brinkley. The preparations for the dance started early Saturday morning until right before the dance. Over 300 students attended.



Amanda Zaborows





Announcements
Preparing for the 2010 Turnabout dance, sophomore Sarah
Guistolisi helps by decorating
the show case. "Since I am a
part of Class Council, I have
to help prepare for the annual
Turnabout dance" said Guisrollisi.





STEVEN GRONKOWITZ, 11 BOWLING CLUB "We bowl once a week and I enjoy Bowling Club because there is no pressure."



SARAH CLARK, 10 CONCERT CHOIR I "Choir is time consuming, we work hard to sound harmonious."



RYAN ASCH, 11
DECA
"I like to be around the people in DECA and I am interested in going into busi-

ness in college."



Amenda Zahorov



→ BRIGHTENING A DAY To make a difference in our community. Chorale took a trip to the Highland Senior Center on December 8th. They spent a day caroling through the halls and talking to the many seniors who live there. "There were about two or three people who choked while we were there, which was a little scary. A few people smiled at us, though, which made me feel good," said senior Matt Plawecki.

→ SHOP WITH A COP During the holiday season, S.A.D.D. made a very big difference in the lives of some local families. They sponsored a fundirasic ralled "Shop with a Cop." S.A.D.D. member raised enough money to take the children of about ten low income families in Griffith out for a day of Christmas shopping. "Every child received \$100.00 and we got to shop with them at K-Mart," said junior Alyssa Lanting. "All of the families were really appreciative."

→ GET OUT NND GIVE To give is better than to receive. We have spear in order to give back to our community. During Christmas time, FCCLA made pillows and baked goods for the elderly at a nearby nursing home. Teally enjoyed sewing the pillows together and making the pillow cases," said sophomore Stacie Hansen. Many members even went to the nursing home to distribute these gifts.

→ SAYING THANKS The humane society runs solely on kind donations of time and money. Many volunteers work to keep the humane society an inviting and clean place. To say thanks to these hardworking volunteers, student council members baked Christmas cookies for them and their families. They also decorated the cookies with colored frosting. "Baking cookies was really exciting, and it was for a great cause," said sophomore Sarah Clark.



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Cooking for a cause
"We had to get up really early
to go make the cookies for the
Santa breakfast," said senior Ali
Petrucha. After making cookies, National Honor Society
also served pancakes to the
children for breakfast.





Caroling the halls This holiday season, chorale

spent a day caroling through the halls of each of the four elemen-

tary schools. "The hest part was when Mr. Covarrubias would

end the song in the middle, and

nobody would realize it was over," said senior Sam Carter.

# HELPING HANDS IN THE COMMUNITY



"IN FCCIA. WE WENT TO FOR-EST RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND READ ROOKS TO THE KIDS. DOING THIS MADE ME FEEL LIKE I WAS MAKING A DIFFERENCE." REBECCA FRANKER, 12





## Spreading smiles

On December 5th, National Honor Society hosted a Santa breakfast at Beiriger Elementary. The children who attended could play various games. "I had to work a guessing game. The kids were really funny," said senior Sara Winiecki.



Helping hands

To raise funds for the humane society, FCCLA offered students the chance to walk their dogs in the Homecoming parade. Seniors Devin Mosely and Stephanie Shively helped out by making posters. "It made me feel good to help unfortunate animals," said Mosely.

#### Pillows for patients

Textiles 1, 2, and 3 are doing their part to brighten the days of children at Riley's Children Hospital. They're making pillows to give to children coming out of surgery. "I enjoyed making the pillows because I felt like I was helping kids out," said freshman Bri-anne Andriessen.



#### Rejected

"I had 203 kills and 37 blocks total for my first ever Dunes Volleyball Club season," said sophomore Kelsey Bonewits, while giving her opponent a 'facial' with one of her killer blocks at the net.

#### Kick it up!/

While dancing for her Indiana Danz Force Seniors team, senior Rebecca Franker shows off her amazing moves. 'I started dancing because it's a way of expression, and I didn't really like soccer," said Franker.









# DID YOU KNOW,



"I SPEND 15 HOURS EVERY WEEK PRACTICING PERCUSSION FOR THE NORTHWEST INDIANA YOUTH ORCHESTRA." -ERIC SANDERS, 12





"I'VE BEEN IN GIRL SCOUTS SINCE SECOND GRADE AND I'M A SENIOR. I'M ALSO WORKING TOWARDS MY GOLD AWARD." -CASEY MICDANIEL 11



#### Love to play

"My United team is the best, We were NISL and League Champions, along with Challenge Cup State champions," said senior Raquel Mazur, while handling the hall for her Northwest Indiana United soccer team.

#### Curtain call

Living in the spotlight can send some people running with stage fright. But for senior Erica Edwards, the stage is her comfort zone. "I love being on stage, but the hardest part is trying to keep a straight face in a comedy play," said Edwards.





#### National champs

"Hove to dance and Hove dominating other teams in competitions," said sophomore Sarah Clark while smiling with her Indiana Danz Force team. Clark's dance team came in first place at the NDA Nationals competition.





→THREE LIONS Many students at GHS play sports outside of school to hang out with their friends. Sophomore Amy Russell plays in the Three Lions Soccer Club and has made some great friends. "I love playing soccer for Three Lions, and I love playing with the crazy girls that I never would have had the opportunity to play with if I didn't play in this club," said Russell.

→ PAVING THE WAY Girl Scouts used to be a fad that everyone was a part of. The joy of selling cookies and helping others are building blocks to a successful future. Freshman Ciarra Kroslack has been a member of girl scouts for ten years, "There's a great sisterhood in my troup. I love helping people, and the cookies are delicious," said Kroslack.

→ A BRIGHT FUTUR€ Opportunities are endless for some students here at GHS. Every second Saturday of the month, sophomore Kalissa Greenlaw goes to DeVry college to network and discuss school with other students from different schools. "My favorite bonding activity is just being able to hang out with the kids from different high schools," said Greenlaw.

→ ILLIANA ROYALTY Playing a sport year round is a huge committment. For freshman Sarah Galambos, playing softball yearround is no challenge. "I play travel softball for the Illiana Royals. I play because I'm good and I loved going to Nationals in Missouri with the team," said Galambos.



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Ice is nice Enjoying ice skating at Deep River, freshman Jesse Yarnelle attempts to push freshman Manon Carter. "When she pushed me it freaked me out. I thought I was going to fall on

my face," said Carter,











→BALL STATE OR BUST Every year journalism students take a trip to Ball State University. This year on Friday, April 23rd, the group traveled three hours to Muncie, IN to attend J-Day. They attend classes to help improve their writing, design, and leadership skills. "This is my second time going, and I like it a lot because I learn how to write better and it brings the staff closer together," said senior Shelby Higgins.



While on a field trip to U.S. Cellular Field, sophomore Edward Clay and junior Vance Thomas walked around the field and enjoyed the weather. "Even though they said not to step on the grass, we still did anyways," said Thomas

Are we there yet? 'The bus ride was very boring, so everyone started texting their friends," said junior Regina Hope. The bus ride was to Chicago for the Athen Atlantis Sports Program during the summer



#### Waffle treat

Pouring waffle mix into a waffle iron, sophomore Mike Kent is taught what goes on in the kitchen at Jedi's Garden. "The waffle's were very hot. We had to use our hands to get them out," said Kent.

#### Catching some Z's

After returning from the Irons Oaks field trip, seniors Dan Rodriguez and Matt Beck get some shut eve in the LGI room. "We were so exhausted after the field trip but it was a exciting day," said Rodriguez.





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While visiting the Field Museum for A.P. Spanish, seniors Andrew Thomas, Jake Long, and Nate Lara attempt to move an ancient Egyptian stone block. Even with all of us pulling the block, it still wouldn't move. It had to be cemented to the floor," said Lara.



Breakfast time

Preparing pancakes on the skillet senior Michael Zaberdac learns how the restaurant business works at Jedi's Garden. 'It's pretty cool the way the kitchen works. There is always something to do cook or clean," said Zaberdac.



DECA STATE THIS YEAR WAS A GREAT HELD TRIP DECRUSE WE STRYED IN A HUGE HOTEL AND WE WERE IN INDY FOR THE WEEKEND. - MATT GRAHOVAC. 11



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FAIR OAKS FARM WAS MY FAVORITE HELD TRIP BECAUSE AROUND AND ATE ICE CREAM."

- ERIC BRUMLEY, 12





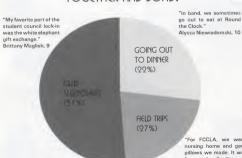


Tangling minds

It was nearly midnight, but that did not stop one team of student council members from untangling themselves from the human knot. "The human knot was the best part of the lockin." said freshman Ailey Clark. "It was so challenging!"

## HOW DO YOU LIKE TO GET TOGETHER AND BOND?

50 PEOPLE POLLED



"For FCCLA, we went to a nursing home and gave them pillows we made. It was really fun and all the members bonded with the elderly." Kim Swender, 12





#### All dressed up

To help out with the party, we were making candy bags to pass out to everyone in chorale," said senior Stephanie Negrete, sitting with seniors Kiki Brinkley and Kim Swender. Chorale members also dressed up in celebration of Halloween.



Warting for their turn to bowl, juniors Chris Curnow. Dylan Etheridge, and Jake Writt hang out around a table. 'I joined bowling club because I was bored. It's awesomel Mr. Gast doesnt act like a teacher, he acts like our frend.' said Writt.



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→ BRINGING OTHER CULTURES HOME For many clubs, bending is both exciting and educational. International Club celebrated Day of the Dead, a Mexican holiday in which everyone honors their deceased ancestors. They had a party after school on November 2nd, because Day of the Dead is celebrated in Mexico on November 2nd and 3rd. "We had authentic Mexican pastries and other Mexican dishes. We learned a lot about Day of the Dead in a creative way that did not bore us to tears," said sophomore Rachel Garastik.

→ NLL NIGHT LONG The biggest event of the year for student council is the annual lock-in, held each December. This year, nearly forty student council members came to the school at 8:30 pm. on December 4th. The might was filled with games, such as sardines, freeze tag, a white elephant gift exhange, and the traditional game of the human knot. For the first time, one team successfully untangled the human knot. 'The lock-in was awesome. We slept on the ground and played Pop 5. I love that game," said freshman Mirvea Cisneros.

→ FLOAT HYSTERIA The weekend before homecoming, each class council has an important job to accomplish. They have to build a float that will represent their class in the homecoming parade. The float also must reflect the theme of the homecoming dance. This year, the homecoming dance theme was Evacuate the Dance Floor: Hittin' the Streets '09." Nearly every float was decorated with garbage cans, street lights, and torn Mustang clothing. "While we were painting our float, we got paint all over each other and everything around us," said sophomore Vicki Solivais.

→ SPOOKY NIGHT In celebration of Halloween, chorale got together for their annual Halloween party. Every member of chorale who attended wore a costume. There was food, desserts, and many games. Chorale also watched Nightmare on Elm Street, a classic horror film. "Mr. Covarrubias hid Halloween things all around the auditorium, and we had to find them," said senior Alkiea Begeske. "It was a great honding experience."



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A team of student council members put their hands in and got ready to begin playing Pop 5, a board game that was played at the lock-in on Dec. 4th. "I was really good at Pop 5 because I knew all the band names," said senior Barry Baltrusis.

#### All for one, one for all

It was pouring all day, but the weather didn't stop student council members from having a great time at Iron's Oaks." I got team work and leadership skills out of my experience at Iron's Oaks," said senior Katie Mitchell.



Amanda Zah

#### Interviewing

Interviewing for The Edge is fun to do, but what junior Kristi Bux-ton likes most is the freedom. "I like The Edge because I like having the freedom of my own designs and being able to set my own deadlines," said Buxton.

#### Delivery day

When she completes designing pages and once the pages are printed, sophomore Elizabeth Kras gets ready to distribute The Edge to 6th period. "We usually deliver The Edge at the end of each quarter," said Kras.







→ GHS PUBLICATIONS There are three publications at GHS; Our new-paper, the Panther Press, our yearbook, the Reflector, and our magazine, The Edge. To get onto these publications, a student must take journalism first. Then they would have to go through the application process by filling out an application and writing an essay on why they should be a member of the staff.

THE PANTHER PRESS All three publications cover school events, but Panther Press is distributed during fifth hour every two weeks. This means the staff has shorter deadlines and has to have all pages designed and all stories written on a faster pace than the Reflector or The Edge. One of the members on staff is senior Justin Phillips. "I think girls have more of an appeal for design, and that's why there are more girls on staff, but I just like to write." said Phillips.

THE EDGE Our magazine. The Edge, is different from any of the other multi-cations. It is published four times a year at the ead of each quarter. There are only seven girls on staff, unlike the Paniher Press or the Reflector, which has more members. There is also a difference in design. "There is more freedom when you design your pages," said painor Chrissy Colgrove is a reporter for The Edge. Although The Edge covers some school events, it mainly covers fun topics such as horsecopes and embarrassing story.

THE REFLECTOR The Reflector staff is involved in catching the convert moments throughout the school year. The staff must make sure all events are covered, such as dances, sports, and clubs. "I like being on the yearbook staff because it is a big publication, and everybody knows about it," as ald sophomore reporter Sarah Guistolisi.



Amanda Zabon

#### Photo opportunity

After finding the perfect photo opportunity, junior Kristen Pospychala snaps a photo to use in the yearbook. I enjoy being a photographer for the Reflector because there's not smuch pressure on me as there is on the reporters or designers, said Pospychala.

#### Birthday celebrations

Blowing out the candles on a cupcake, sophomore Melissa Miller celebrates her birthday. "We always celebrate birthdays in yearbook, but my birthday is in June, so we were celebrating my half birthday," said Miller.







What's the scoop? Writing down ideas is one way the Panther Press brainstorms. "We were brainstorming, which is just thinking of random ideas for our pages in the Panther Press," said senior Jared Tibbs.

After all designing is done, the Panther Press is edited by staff members. "I was evaluating the paper by marking things that weren't correct. This helps us find and correct mistakes for our next issue," said senior Stephen Greenwood.

#### Helping hand

Not knowing how to make a graph, junior Samantha Mc-Inerney asks Kristina Collard. journalism, for help, "Mrs. Collard was showing me how to make a graph on InDesign," said McInerney.





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ROW 1: Megan McVicker, Ray Alvarez, Matt Grahovac, Zach Kısfalusı



ROW 1: Ashleigh Gates, Isaiah Booker, Ted Fitzgerald, Daniella Alvarez ROW 2: Nicole Poole, Daniel Kirne, Olivia Gates



ROW 1: Anna Schell, Ross Myers, Allison Nolan, Terri Ramos, Matt Grahovac, Jillian



ROW 1: Nicole Poole, Maddy Goodman, Amber Cornett ROW 2: Jason Gast, Joe Zuniga, Priscilla Hernandez, Lauren Gonzales, Kaitlin Ray, Ketelyn Lisle



ROW 1: Megan Gale, Joel Kepchar, Robert Gonzales, Zach Kısfalusi, Megan McVicker, Melissa Thrall, Ma DiSanto ROW 2: Josh Kisfalus, Ted Fitzgerald, Jeremy Delton, Jimmy Burch, Ray Alvarez, Matt Grahovac, Coach Katie Krajnak, Allison Nolan

# WEARE ...



#### We run this

"It was a joke that the freshmen thought they were actually able to compete with us," said senior Ryan Voges, "Seniors are just dominant, If any freshman thinks otherwise, they're stupid,"

This year's homecoming featured the senior class defending their right to "run this school." For the first time ever, the seniors, led by senior Brian Little, brought a boat into the school that they decorated. The seniors each chipped in a little bit of cash and bought the boat together.

"We were originally going to buy a car, but we were too slow to collect the money," said Little, "The boat was still a nice alternative. We definitely left our mark on this school because of how crazy we really are."

Little, along with other seniors, have also led to a strong student section for basketball games. The upperclassmen are the main source of this section, and has definitely made an impact on our school. With many different outfits and themes, basketball games are always entertaining to see the student section supporting their team. Crazy outfits such as superhero costumes and retro uniforms are common along with the unique shirts that Little had made for the fan section.

"We revived our student section in a way that no one thought was possible," said senior Sam Carter. "[The senior class] is so unique with our outfits and ideas. We're so ridiculous that we are amazing."

#### Teaching the future adults

Being a teacher is a big responsihility. Teachers directly affect the students and what they get out of high school, Instructing a student correctly is very important. Jim Pickett, social studies, takes his role as a teacher very seriously, but he also knows how to create humor in his class so his classes. are relaxed and not boring.

"The main reason I teach is for the great money teachers make." said Pickett, "Other than that, it's nice to be able to help kids succeed. I like to be a factor in their lives and lead them down a path that will eventually lead to their success."

#### Donating her work

Sewing in class can be beneficial for more than a personal use, Freshman Bri-anne Andriessen participated in a volunteer program in Shannon Schiedel's textiles class. The class sewed pillows that resembled a puppy face and gave it to Riley's Children's Hospital.

"Making the pillows was pretty awesome because we had a good use for our project," said Andriessen. "I don't normally use all of the projects I make when I sew, so it was nice to be able to see my work put to good use. This was definitely an awesome project to take part in."

#### Rollin' like a big shot

Part of being a student at Griffith means taking classes that involve physical fitness. Physical education is a class in which the students must take part in different activities that help to maintain someone's fitness Sophomore Jacob Schnoor rollerblades in his class with his friends while being dressed up because he had a basketball game that day.

"I love being dressed up." said Schnoor. "I always look for an opportunity to wear nice clothes with a tie. It's a pain to get undressed though so I decided to just not dress for gym class and stay in this outfit."

#### Big changes

Going to a new school can be tough, especially during senior vear, Victoria Zoumah transferred from Wells Community Academy halfway through the school year and has had a positive attitude about everything.

"Going to Griffith High School has been a huge change from my old school," said Zoumah, "Griffith has so many more activities that people can be involved with. It seems to be a great community here, and this is the first chance that I've had to go to school with my brother [senior Tim Green]. So even though making friends can be hard, I still have him too."





Barb Baldazo Krystal Bandy Brenda Bonewits Kelli Bridges Sarah Cohen Kristina Collard

Eddie Covarrubias James Ford Justin Fronek Jim Graff Lorrainne Hageman Bob Hastings

Margie Keithley Kathy Keller Rhonda Lanfear Lisa Megquier Rachel Miller Veronica Moisant

Mike Mulder Emily O'Brien Kay Orzechowicz Amy Ott Olga Perez Luann Pramuk

Russ Radtke Terri Ramos Pat Sadler Jim Saltanovitz Dan Santori Shannon Scheidel

Justin Schroeder Shannon Smith Marlene Starcevich Deanna Steinmueller Sheila Vaclavik Julie Wencloff

Chris Wroblewski Linda Zaborowski









"I really enjoyed being Santa. My favorite part was seeing all of the smiles on the kids' faces," said Jim Graff, art, Graff spent three days in the library taking pictures with students to raise funds for the Wheelchair Basketball game.

#### Showing appreciation

While serving at the Staff Appreciation Breakfast, Justin Fronek, assistant principal. Bonnie Manuel, principal, and Aron Borowiak. middle school principal, share laughs. "The faculty breakfast is a great way to give back to our wonderful staff," said Fronek.





Happy to help

Rachel Miller, English, is one of the many teachers here at GHS who are always eager to help. "I love leading class when the students are really into the subject," said Miller. "It's exciting for everyone."

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Whatts your favorite outsite of served activity Mu favorite activity is running.

Blow often Concurred I run four days every week. II average at about fifteen to twenty miles each week. Boroupanitchaich angraces opmarations? Yes. I did the Buckley Five Mile and a ten mile race in Valpo for the RAFA House.

Windows enforcement I enjoy running because it's a great stress reliever and I feel very accomplished afterwards.

# With Mr. Bo Redike

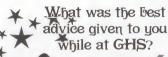
What dass to you teach at Ciss I teach Industrial Technology Education, or ITE. What to the students do fin 1812 Its a hands-on

class. They spend four weeks in the classroom and four weeks in the lab constructing projects. My favorite class is the construction class.

Wijaitisyour favorite pant of teaching His? My favorite part is interacting with the kids in the work room. I can get to know my students more personal and see how they interact with other students out a classroom environment.

#### What a cute skeleton!

"I was trying to make it look cute because I love skeletons said senior Vivian Perez. This skeleton was in Krystal Bandy's classroom as a model for teaching anatomy during biology.



"Study and do work to get ahead in life." -Stephen Greenwood, 12

> "Everything will be okay in the end, and if not, then it's not the end." -Daniella Alvarez, 12



#### Ethan Adams Daniella Alvarez GLS 9, 10, 11, 12 Bowling Club 9, 10, 11, 12

Jacob Anderson Diving 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain 9, 10, 11, 12) Cross Country 9, 10 Class Council 9, 10 FCCLA 10 Track 9 Megan Anderson









Barry Baltrusis Football 10, 11, 12 Wrestling 11, 12 Student Council 10, 11, 12 Class Council 9, Dungeons and Dragons Club 12 Prom King Homecoming King

Brenda Banks Quin Barwick









Matthew Beck Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain 11, 12) Football 9, 10, 11 Choir 9, 10, 11, 12 (President 10, Chorale 12) ACES 9, 10 Band 9 Student Council 12

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Nicholas Biancardi Football 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain 12) Track & Field 9 National Honor Society 11 Band 9 Panther Press 12 Shanlynn Bias Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain 10, 11, 12) Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain 12) National Honor Society 11, 12 (President 12) Class Council 9, 12 Student Council 12 Rotary Youth Leader 10

















Brooke Blackard Class Council 11, 12 International Club 9, 10, 11, 12 Social Studies Academic Superbowl 12

Nicholas Bobowski Soccer 9, 10. 11, 12 (Captain 12) Student Council 10, 11 Basketball 10. 11 Chorale 12 Reflector 12 Track 9, 10

Brian Bock Jasmine Bonapartee









Edward Boncela Football 9, 10, 11, 12 Track 9, 10 Isaiah Booker

Jessica Breclaw Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain 11, 12) Booster Club 9, 10, 11, 12 FCCLA 9, 10

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Eric Brumley

Kara Buchholz Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12 Golf 9, 10 Tennis 11, 12 Softball 9, 10 Basketball Manager 9, 10, 11, 12 Jessica Burbridge Swimming 9, 10 Bowling 11, 12 Tennis 11 Choir 9, 10, 11 Track 9









James Burch Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12 (MVP 9, 10, 11, 12; Captain 10, 11, 12) Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12 Track 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain 11, 12) Drama 10, 11, 12 (Thespian 10, 11, 12) National Honor Society 10, 11, 12 Chorale 12 ISSMA 9, 10,

11 12 (State 12) Jackson Buzea Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12 Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12

Nelson Cadiz Kyle Carter Baseball 9, 10, 11







Kristen Pospychala

#### Microviewing

Finishing an assignment in Biology II. senior Brianna Cannon said, "I was drawing pictures from the microviewer." Many juniors and seniors take Biology Il or AP biology to gain another science credit.

#### Sick of notes While completing a worksheet

together, seniors Keeli Matthews, Kimberly Lindsay, and Tationna Rockwood, sit in Amy Ott's environmental science class. "We take notes everyday, so labs are something new to do," Matthews said,

Samuel Carter Baseball 9,10,11,12 Chorale 12 Football 12 Teresa Castellanos Soccer 9 10 11 12 Student Advisory Council 12











Jose Cisneros Brittany Cobb Rachel Cooper Soccer 9,10,11,12 (Captain 12) Student Council 9, 10,11 Class Council 10.11.12 (Vice President 12) National Honor Society 11, 12 Basketball 9 Breanne Copp











# \* \* QX&YA with Patrick Ruesken, 12

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Favorite school kinch freshman year? chicken patty on a bun Favorite school lunch now? eficken patty on a bun

Payorite teacher freshman year? Ms. Miller Favorite teacher now? Mrs. Megquier

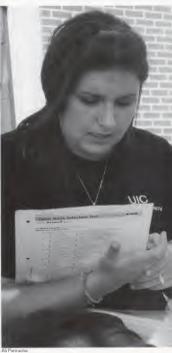
Dream college freshman year? Purdue Lafayette Dream college now? Manor Bell College

#### Read to succeed

"I wasn't really reading. I was just staring at the book and hoping that I'd learn everything," said senior John Vinson while sitting in class reading "A Shocking Accident" in his English literature book

#### Fresh air, fresh ideas

"My favorite part about learning outside is that it's different from the normal classroom environment," said senior Angie Fisher while taking a practice quiz in the courtyard with her English class.









Matthew Corlett Baseball

Amber Cornett Choir 9,10,11 International Club 10,11, 12 Art Club 11, 12 FCCLA 12 (Photographer 12) Hoosier Girls State 11









Rachel Dennison International Club 10.11.12

Ashley Dodson Mark Douglas Wrestling 10,11,12 Football 9, 11, 12

Natalie Drach Choir 9, 10, 11 Track 10, 11, 12 Cross Country 10, 11, 12 FCCLA 9, 10, 11 International Club 10









Catherine Drechny

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Jacob Evanich Baseball 10.11.12 Basketball 9, 10,11, 12 Chorale 12 National Honor Society 12

Michaela Ezell









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Jill Fitzgerald DECA 10,11,12 (Vice President 12) FCCLA 9, 10,11, 12 National Honor Society 10, 11, 12 Americanism and Government Test State Winner 10 Hoosier Girls State Delegate 11 Tennis 9, 10, 11 Academic Super Bowl 9, 10, 11 (Captain 11) Class Council 10, 11, 12

Michelle Fogarty





#### While spending some down time

between classes with her friends, senior Melissa Stadnik said, "The best part about being a senior is knowing it's my last year and being able to hang out with my friends."

#### Jotting it down

While doing her homework during class, senior Ashley Robinson said. "One lesson that I learned was to pay attention early in high school because come senior year it will come back to bite you in the butt if you don't."

Rebecca Franker Pantherettes 9, 10, 11, 12 (Secretary 11, Captain 12) Indiana Danzfirce 9, 10, 11, 12 National Honor Society 11, 12 (Secretary 12) FCCLA 10 11, 12 (Secretary 12) Choir 9, 10, 11, 12 (Chorale 12, President 10, 11, 12) International Club 10, 11, 12

Jasmine Freeman Color Guard 10. 11, 12 (captain 12) Track and Field 9, 10, 11 Choir 9, 10, 11, 12 Chorale 12 Spellbowl 9, 10 Nicholas Gallina Football 9, 10, 11, 12 Wrestling 9, 10 Track 9, 10 Choir 9, 10, 11 Aldo Garcia

Madeline Goodman International Club 9, 10 11, 12 (President 10, 11, 12) ACES 9, 10 Drame 10, 11, 12 Thespian 11, 12 Art Club 12 Dungeons and Dragons Club

Stephen Greenwood Golf 10, 11, 12 Panther Press 11, 12 Americanism and Government Test Winner 11 Dungeons end Dragons Club 12

Brittany Grigson Kristen Gulley

















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1) Likes to bunt?

Dues, cuts, and stules people's hair?

3) Has a tattoo on their lip?

4) Likes to play pool?

Ashleigh Gates International Club 10, 11, 12 GLS 11, 12

Nicholas Gaydos Soccer 9, 10, 11 Choir 9, 10, 11 Jeff Godlewski Baseball 9, 10, 11,

Melany Gonzales Choir 9, 10, 11 Swimming 10

#### Livin' it up

Enjoying themselves at Deep River, seniors Devon Mosely and Stephanie Shively break from volleyball to dance a little. "We're a random and open couple. Sometimes, he'll give me a kiss on my nose or forehead," said Shively.



Lookin' good "I love when people play with my hair because it feels nice," said senior Kim Russell, Russell hangs out with sophomores Kalle Lastagarkov and Rachel Solar. "It isn't weird to hang out with someone who's younger than me. It's like they're my younger sisters."

















Jeremiah Hardin Candace Hardy

Jada Harris Cross Country 9, 10 Treck and Field 9, 10, 11, 12 Basketball 11 Student Council 11 Spellbowl 11 National Honor Society 11, 12 FCCLA 9, 11, 12 D.A.R.E. 9

















Courtney Haves Cross Country 9, 10. 11, 12 (MVP 9, 10) Dance Team 9, 10 Track and Field 9, 10, 11 (Most Improved 9, 10) Swimming 10, 11 Student Council 10, 11 Key Club 10, 11 Guillermo Hernandez Football 9, 10, 11, 12 (First Team All-Conference 11 Academic Ali-Conference 12 Academic Ali-State Captain 12) Track 9, 10, 11, 12 Class Council 12 (Secretary) Wrestling 10 Choir 9, 10, 11, 12 Chorale 12 Kaittyn Herron Pantherettes 12 Cheer-

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11, 12 Reflector 10, 11, 12

Jane Hurdish Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12 (Principal Player 10, 11, 12) Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12 (Section Leader 11, 12) Pep Band 9, 10, 11, 12 ISSMA Soloist 11, 12 National Honor Society 11, 12 English Superbowl 10, 11 FCCLA 9 Angel Hyche



"I won't miss walking to school in 40 feet of snow and not having snow days. Also, I won't miss waking up at 6 a.m" Waune Lewis, 12



Eenie, Meenie, Minie, Moe Chowing down while cheering teammates on, seniors Nick Sharp, Jimmy Burch, Christian Martinez, and Dan Rodriguez get through the swim conference held at Munster on January 30th. "It's a

big confidence booster when you cheer for your team," said Sharp.

"I won't miss waking up in the morning and trying to maneuver around the crowded hallwaus." Kristen Gulleu, 12











Ronald Higginbotham Band 9. 10, 11, 12 Swimming 10, 11 Diving 12 Track 10, 11, 12 Shelby Higgins

Lakisha Hill Track and Field 9, 10, 11. 12 Cheerleading 10, 11, 12 Booster Club 10, 11 Spellbowl 11 Kelsey Hitt









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Zachary Kisfalusi National Honor Society 11, 12 (Treasurer 12), DECA 10, 11, 12 (Secretary/Treasurer 12), Panther Press 10. 11. 12 (Sports Editor 12), Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12 (Academic All-State 12), Golf 9, 10, 11, 12. Academic Teams 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain 10, 11, 12). Class Council 10. 11. 12 (Vice President 10, 11), Science Olympiad 11, 12 (Captain 12)

#### Nicholas Kowalski

Montana Kroslack Football 9, 10,

#### Taylor Lambert

Michael Lanfear Football 9 Basketball 9,10 Tennis 11, 12 Baseball 9, 10,

Nathaniel Lara Baseball 11,12 Art Club 12



















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Booster Club 9, 10, 11, 12 Track 9, 10 Jacquelyn Lopez Girls' Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12 International Club 10, 11, 12 Class Council 11, 12 Student Council 10, Panther Press 12 FCCLA 10, 11













While standing in the lunch line, seniors Jada Harris and Michaela Ezell talk about their day. "We always talk about how our day is going and tell each other funny stories," said Harris.

### Picture perfect

To make sure his pictures turn out perfect, senior Eric Weber goes through the developing process in the dark room. "I was developing my pictures for my final project," said Weber.





#### Strut down the halls

On her way to class, senior Antonia Lo Vortice checks her phone to make it to class on time. "I'm late to class sometimes, so I use my cell phone to make sure I get there," said Vortice

# as that Describe Your Senior Year!

"I Got a Feeling"- Black Eyed Peas Jessica Ritter, 12

"Party in the U.S.A."-Miley Cyrus-Megan Anderson, 12

"Wait List"-All Time Low Quin Barwick, 12













#### Jeremy Lukmann

Meghan Macak Varsity Soccer 9. 10, 11, 12 (Captain 12), Varsity Track and















#### Keeli Matthews

Michael Mavernik Raquel Mazur Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12 Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12 ACES 9, 10 Hoosier Girls' State Delegate 11, Band 9, 10, 11 Reflector 10, 11, 12 Quill and Scroll 12 NWI United Soccer 10, 11, 12









Caitlin McCabe Football Manager 9, 10 Baseball Manager 10 DECA 9, 10 Tennis 9

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Sara McInerney Soccer 9, 10, 12 National Honor Society 11,12 (Vice President 12), Class Council 9, 10, 11, 12 Panther Press 9,10,11,12 (Editor -in-chief 12). Student Council 9, 10, 11

Brittany Medley Football Manager 9, 10, 11 Track 10 Wrestling Manager 9

Lindsay Meece Swimming 9,10,11,12 (Captain 12) Cross Country 11, 12 (Captain 12) Track 9.10.11 Soccer 9.10 Savannah Mendoza Choir 9.10.11 Chorale 12 FCCLA 11, 12 Class Council 11 12 Track 11 Student Council 12

Darren Mills

Kaitlyn Mitchell Pantherettes 9,10,11,12 (Squad Leader 10,11 Captain 12) Booster Club 9,10,11,12 Chorale 12 Student Council 12 Class Council 12 International Club 9

Melissa Moisant Color Guard 10,11,12 Pep band 9,10.11,12 Marching Band 9 Volleyball 9 Concert Band

Devon Moseley Football 9,10,11 Soccer 9,10 Baseball 9,10 Track 9,10,11,12 Dylan Moulesong Swimming 9.10.11.12 DnD Club 12

Stephanie Negrete Basketball 9.10.11.12 (Captain 11.12) Track 9.10.11.12 (Captain 11.12) Chorale 12

Pashon Newson-Brady Class and Field 11,12 FCCLA 10,11,12 Math and Science Academic Super Bowl 12 Booster Club 10,12 SADD 12 Student Council 9

Joseph Nunez Angelina Ojeda Pantherettes 10.11.12 Soccer 9 Booster Club 10.11. 12

Vivian Perez Football Manager 10 Lifeguard 10,11,12 Chorale 12 Booster



























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Using her Homecoming curly straw glasses, senior Taylor Long sips her chocolate milk. "I got my curly straw glasses from [senior] Trisha Monroe because she decorated my locker for Homecoming," said Long.













Ali Pietrucha Swimming 9,10,11,12 (Captain 11.12) Volleyball 9,10,11,12 (Captain 12) Student Council 9.10.11.12 Class Council 11.12 National Honor Society 12 Reflector 10.11,12 Matthew Plawecki Soccer 9.10.11.12 (Cantain 11 12) Chorale 12

Sara Popovich Cheerleading 9,10 Track 9 Booster Club 9,10,11,12 International Club 12









#### Andrew Pribyl

Carissa Quintero Soccer 9.10.11.12 (Captain 12) Basketball 9, 10 Class Council 10.11,12 Student Council 10,11 Panther Press 10.11.12

Lisa Rafa Reflector 9,10,11, 12

Sydney Reis Volleyball 9,10,11 (Cap-









Jessica Ritter Panther Press 9,10,11,12 (Managing Editor 12) Class Council 9,10,11 Student Council 9,10 Cheer leading 10 Golf 10 DECA 10,12 Booster Club 10 Reflector 12 FCCLA 10 SADD 12

Ashley Robinson Wrestling 9,10,11

Elizabeth Roman

Patrick Ruesken Football 9 Track







#### Kristen Pospyc Taking it easy

Taking it easy, senior Natisha Wlodarczyk puts her feet up and relaxes in class. "I do whatever I want in Mrs. Ott's [science] class because I took it last year, so it's easier the second time taking it." said Wlodarczyk.

#### Working on homework In Jane Villaroman's 5th hour

physics class, seniors Matt Beck and Kyle Carter work on homework. "In physics class I would do my AP calculus homework for next hour, instead of paying attention, but I still aced everything in Mrs.KV's class," said Beck.



During the Homecoming Pep-Rally, the seniors decided to pull a prank on the freshmen, "A lot of the seniors wrote 'Freshmen smell' on masks to get back at the freshmen," said Katie Mitchell. She also added, "The peprally gets pretty intense."



Kalynn Ruiz Softbell 9,10,11,12 Volleybell 9,10,11 FCCLA 9,10.11 National Honor Society 12

Kimberly Russell Band 9,10,11 David Rutherford

Eric Sanders Band 9,10,11,12 Northwest Indiana Youth Symphony Orchestre (Pnnoiple Percussionist 12) LePorte County Symphony Orchestre (Percussionist 12) South Shore Brass Band (Percussionist 11,12) Indiana All-State Man



Valarie Scholte Thespian 10,11,12 Color Guerd 12 Netionel Honor Society 11,12 Nationel Society of High School Scholars 12 Booster Club 9,10,11 D.E.C.A 10 Chorale 12



Stephanie Shively Softbell 9.10.11.12 FCCLA 10.11.12 Choir 9.10.11.12 (Chorale 12) Volunteer at Humane Society 11.12 ISSMA State Quelifier 12

Jason Short



Veronica Smith Wrestling Manager 9,10,11,12 Soccer 9,10



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# \* Best high school memory?

"My favorite high sehool memory would be when I got my license, and all the great times I've had with my friends." -Kara Buehholz, 1.2

"My favorite memory was running around all day at the career fair and climbing the rock wall." -Jason Villalpando, 12



## When I get out of here....

said Fitzgerald. "I'm going to college for Business management. but I'm not sure what college yet." Nicole Hixon, 12

"I'm either going to Purdue Calumet or IUN for mechanical engineering and I plan to get a job and make that money." -Tim Green, 12













Theres no 'i' in team Working on a physic's lab about trajectory using rocket ships are seniors Jill Fitzgerald and Sara Popovich. "I really like

labs because they're a change of pace from taking notes and

make class more interesting



Kyle Terpstra Soccer 9,10,11,12 Basketball 9,10,11,12 (Captain 12) Andrew Thomas Bowling 9,10,11 ACES 9 10 11 Jared Tibbs International Club 9,10,11, 12 Panther Press 10,11.12 DECA Megan Troksa Choir 9,10,11 Color









Amanda Valtierra Alvssa Van Horssen Softball 9,10,11,12 (Captain 11,12) Volleyball 9,10,11,12 (Captain 12) Class Council 11.12 Americanism and Government Test Winner 11 Basketball 9 Michelle Velez Choir 9,10,11,12 Band 9,10,11,12 Cheerleading 11,12 (JV Captain 12) Student Council 11.12 Drama Club 10.11.12 Thespian 10.11.12 Class Council 11 Booster









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Natisha Wlodarczyk Michael Zaberdac Amanda Zaborowski Volleyball

10,11,12 International Club 9,10,11,12 Quill and Scroll 12 Reflector 10,11,12 FCCLA 10,11 Student Council 9 Abigail Zarndt Swimming 9,10,12 Football Manager 9,10,11,12 Chorale 12 Choir 9,10,11

9,10,11,12 (Captain 10,12) Class Council

Learning something new Practicing for the junior choir concert, junior Clarence Young helps junior Alyssa Lanting sharpen up her skills on the bells before the choir concert. "I like helping and teaching people musical instruments in choir," said Young.



"Tony is the most rad man. I would donate mu liver to him." said junior Brian Beaupain.

"I love him! We hang out everyday," said junior Tony Hanlin.

"I love hanging out with her because there is never a dull moment," said junior Alex Latronica.

"I like hanging with Alex because she brightens my world!" said junior Nelisa Caraballo.



The spring musical is a big production that takes a lot of work. The set crew builds the whole set, and they paint it. They spend as much time building the set as the actors practice. "Set crew is so much fun. We are like a family, and it gets better every year," said junior Jamie Keller.



Jonathan Acevedo Zachary Adams Natalie Aguilera Ray Alvarez Zebriya Anderson David Arndt













Jamere Averyhart Melanie Baeza Stephanie Baker David Baldazo Katelyn Barta Rebecca Basaleh













Eric Bean Brian Beaupain Amy Belcher Elizabeth Biancardi Kaitlyn Biancardi Timothy Biancardi













Jack Blount Matthew Bluhm Logan Bocock Calvin Bonewits Martin Bowman Amanda Boyer

























Zachary Bozinovich Sara Brouillette Fernanda Bugarin Margaret Butkus Matthew Butkus Kristi Buxton











Desiree Cadiz Katie Cahill Justin Camp Mia Campbell Kristvn Cannon Nelisa Caraballo













Kyriah Carter Avery Chandler Cassie Christenson Amanda Clark Lexey Clarkson Tyler Coglianese













Chrissy Colgrove Alejandro Cordova Presley Corich Choncetta Cotton Marcell Cotton Nick Crachy





Notes, notes, notes

In history class, there are a lot of notes to take, but on occasions the students get to play games. "I like history class because Mrs. Pramuk is really funny," said junior Amy Zellers, who was playing a World War II version of Jeopardy.

Cooking and cleaning "Pizza is my favorite food to

cook in Foods II because pizza is the best!" said junior Zachary Spires. After cooking their pepperoni pizza, Spires and junior Corey Hess clean and wash their dishes.

Quinette Craig-Garland Garret Craven Christopher Curnow Laurence Davidson Amber DelPrado Jillian Dixon Michael Dobosz Jessica Domanski Jaimie Drummond Gilbert Eatman Melody Elkins Nikia Ellison Brianna Erwin Dylan Etheridge Eric Falkner Matthew Ficht Ryan Fisch Andrea Franklin Megan Gale Roberto Gamez Art Garcia Stephanie Garcia Kaitlyn Gilbert Skylar Gilman Roberto Gonzales David Gonzalez Nicholas Goode Kevin Graham Matthew Grahovac Andrew Griggs Steven Gronkiewicz Holli Haager Hannah Hack Nicole Hamill Cody Hamilton Tyler Hamilton Anthony Hanlon Rachell Hayes



Regina Hope Sarah Hurdish Daniel Huzzie Alex Irvin Ashwaq Issa Carlos Jimenez































#### Eating away!

Sitting in class enjoying pizza, junior Kylee Ulm and classmates celebrate their win of the Penny Wars held by the National Honor Society. "I cant believe that [junior] Chris [Melton] ate a whole pizza," said Ulm.

#### Drawing master pieces

While elaborately drawing fruit for art class, junior Derek Moselev said. "Art class is the best part of my day. I like drawing because I aspire to be an art teacher one day," said Moseley.

#### Saving one life at a time

At the lifequarding field trip, the students learn how it feels to be a real life guard at Deep River Water Park . "We were just sitting and making sure that they weren't doing anything wrong or against the rules, "said junior Steven Gronkiewicz





#### Raising money

To get some money to help DECA, the members sold pizza during lunch. "We decided to sell pizza during lunch because people complained that they didn't want it after school, "said iunior Anna Schell.

# What was your favorite memory of junior year?

"My favorite memory was Turnabout because it was the best dance that I have been to so far. The environment was

great!" Alex Latronica, 11

"My favorite memory would have to be the football games because all of my friends go." Jordan Rex, 11





Talking with Taylor Reitz

"I work at Froug in Highland."

"I live off of fast food."

. "I am very paraniod movie is Mu. Girl."

"My dream is to go into the CSI field when I enter college."

Yummy in my tummy Juniors Carlos Jimenez and Amy Zellers enjoy their pizza party for winning the Penny War in Luann Pramuk's history class. "I couldn't get my mind off how scrumptuous this pepperoni

pizza looked," said Zellers.

QB #8

Quarterback of the football team, junior Calvin Bonewits, sits in his science class on a game day. "It's hard to concentrate on school when all I can think about is being on the gridiron," said Bonewits.



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Joshua Kisfalusi Timothy Klingensmith Courtney Koleski Jayce Lagestee Jack LaHaie Alyssa Lanting



































# Skyrockets in flight

Shooting off rockets in physics, junior Jeremy Starks, discovers gravity. "It was a nice change of pace to get out of the classroom, but still be learning about physics," said Starks.

#### Lost in a book

Reading in Mrs. KV's class, junior Art Garcia enjoys his high school years. "It's cool to be an upperclassman now, and it feels good to be growing up faster," said Garcia.













































Jimmy McReynolds Megan McVicker Christopher Melton Raymond Mensah Maricarmen Meraz Lee Mercer

Matthew Mercer Rachel Mierzwa Danny Miller Cody Modglin Alexis Morikis Parish Morris

Derek Moseley Kyle Mull Nicolette Nunez Tiriek O'Banion Alicia O'Brien



























World domination Working on a marketing project, junior Matthew Butkus tries to color the name of his fictitious country. "Just planning world domination in marketing, no big deal," said Butkus.





Brian Orzechowicz Lauren Paprocki Ashley Parish Lindsay Pierce Zachary Pirtle Christopher Plucinski

Nicole Poole Kristen Pospychala Gabrielle Powell Katie Ranck **Emily Reba** Zachary Reed





































Taylor Reitz Derek Revis Jordan Rex Ryan Riggle Charles Roberson Billy Rogers











Imani Ross Joseph Rush Brittney Sanders Anna Schell Amber Schoenborn Cassandra Shanks



School's out "The end of the day is the best part because I can leave and hang out with my friends," said junior Justin Camp as he grabs his stuff and heads home for the day.

Trying to perfect her paper, junior Amy Belcher wraps up her essay. The last paragraph is always the hardest because it's the conclusion and I never know what to write," said Belcher.



Maggie Butkus

Maggie Butkus





























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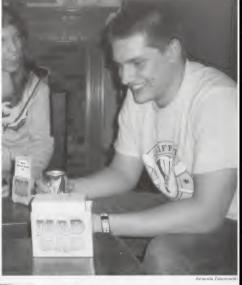
#### Game night

"I'm a beast at every board game I play," said junior Cody Modglin while playing an intense game of Mad Gab with his friends.

#### Work time

While working hard on a worksheet in history class, junior Kyle Jursic said, "I enjoy school; it's the all the homework we get that I don't like."







Seeing double

Being a twin has many advantages when it comes to school. "School is a lot easier when you have someone to do homework with," said junior Tyler Hamiliton while walking to lunch with his brother Cody.

Just keep swimming \*Swimming practices were really hard this year but they payed off in the end," said junior Alyssa Lanting while swimming a few warm up laps during practice.

#### What's your favorite school lunch?



"Bosco sticks with marinara sauce because they're yummy in my tummy." Brandon Soy, 11

"Pizza puffs all the way because they are very tasty, and I love pizza." Kule Mull, 11





"I love popcorn chicken and mac n' cheese days because our cafeteria ladies have some serious cooking skills." Ashley Parish, 11



Amanda Zaborowski



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James Steinhubel Tiffany Strong Shauntia Suggs Taylor Surowiec Tim Takacs Amanda Tatge











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John Vinson Chance's Walker Kelsey White Megan Wilbert Brent Williams Tyler Wilson













Jake Writt Andrea Yeager Clarence Young Richard Zakrzewski Amy Zellers Joe Zuniga



Readers are leaders
During Lexey Clarkson's junior
English class, special education
aide Shannon Smith takes time
away from the classroom to
read to Clarkson. "Lexey enjoys
reading very much," said Smith.
"I love helping her read."

# How do sophomores get to Drive (18%) \*School? Carpool (60%)

Walk (10%) Bus (12%) 100 students polled

Glitz and glam 'My least favorite part of Pantherettes is all of the drama and the Sunday practices," said sophomore Hanna Vrabely, Vrabely prepares for the Pantherette performance at half time of a basketball game.



Eervn Abram Samantha Aguilar Cristina Aldape Brittany Anderson Josh Ashenbaugh Amber Atkins













Erik Augustyn Ryan Avalos Mallory Baccino Caitlin Bailey Nathan Bailey Amanda Bakko













Jordanne Banas Tyler Barron Brianna Bias Ryan Biegel Katie Blair Vanessa Blankenship













Lisa Blaski Ryan Bluhm Joshua Bodnar Kelsey Bonewits James Botkin Deonta Bramlett













Stephanie Brandner Brooke Brinkley Ashley Brown Nicholas Brummet Timothy Bullard Tiffany Burbridge













Melinda Burk Anton Calvert Jeremy Camp Jose Cartagena Alyssa Carter Margaret Cartwright

















#### The party never stops

After the homecoming dance, all of the girls spent the night in a grant camper in my driveway," said sophomore Kathy Villalpando, while out to eat at Applebees with her friends after the homecoming dance.

#### Lunch time love

Some couples don't find time to connect throughout the day. But for sophomores Shae Siokos and Tyler Yost, hanging out is no issue. "My favorite part about lunch with Tyler was that I never had to throw my tray away. I always make him do it," said Siokos.





#### Picture perfect

"We were making a candy pizza that was actually really good. We used frosting as the sauce and M&Ms and Snickers as toppings," said sophomore Jill Gautreaux while in foods class with group members sophomore Marisa Mureiko and senior Kristina Plucinski.

#### Passion for fashion

"The hardest part about textiles is that I'm so horrible at cutting the fabric," said sophomore Catie Bailey. Bailey is comparing a different design of fabric in textiles class with sophomore Cody LeJune.

#### Buckling down

Completing his assignment in class, sophomore Avery Malerich is working hard this year. "Freshman year was awesome, but I need to start focusing on the future," said Malerich.

## Getting to know a familiar face: Hope Ruan

"I have manu friends. but my mains are Andee, Tiff, and Tay."

"My favorite part \* of high school is sitting in choir with Tau, making fun of Mr. C when he doesn't even know."



"If I could have anuthing I would spend a whole day with Mr. Ford, :Hasta luego!"



Priscilla Caudillo Joshua Chalifoux Donte Christopher Sarah Clark Edward Clay Janae Cleveland





Donovan Danforth Aisha Darrough Cody Davidson James Davidson Alyssa Delgado Morgan Dillon

Benjamin Domanski Alice Duhon Kylah Eatman Needra Ellison Amanda Falcon Shi Fassoth













































#### Learning environments

Sophomore year brings classes that can be harder to handle. Luckily for sophomore Jose Cartagena, he has friends in some classes. I enply Spanish because it's not too difficult to get through," said Cartagena. "I was looking for my graded papers."

#### Out with friends

After a night of dancing at homecoming, sophomore Morgan White eats at Red Robin with her group. "Homecoming was really exciting, but the music was awful," said White.

#### Eating with her friends

"I get made fun of everyday at lunch by my friends because I sing to Taylor (Stefan). I suck though," said sophomore Amy Russell. Russell sits with fellow sophomore Kalie Lastagarkov.

















Cole Felde Edward Fitzgerald Robert Fleishman Rachelle Fogarty Austin Foster Jasmine Fox













Shawn Gallina Rachel Garastik Erasmo Garcia Stephan Gartman Olivia Gates Jillian Gautreaux



























Jodeci Grabos Brittany Green Kalissa Greenlaw Sarah Guistolisi Bashar Haddad Stacie Hansen

Clarissa Hardy Courtney Hargis Whitney Harwell Imani Henderson Riley Henderson Rhiannon Hilliard













Raleigh Hinkle Donald Hoover Tina Horton Kody Hosein Breona Huff Kendall Jenkins













## If you could have a fastfood restaurant replace the cafeteria ...











Robert Szabo, 10

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#### Safety first

Experimenting with an unknown solution in a test tube, sophomore Billy Scheffel heats up the solution to identify it. Bio is interesting because we learn about different things relating to life," said Scheffel.



Putting his swimming goggles on, sophomore Garrett Walter prepares to swim a couple laps. "At swimming practices we do a lot of tough things, but it's worth it," said Walter.



# ... what would you choose?









































Cody LeJeune Cali Lemus Megan Lesniewski Michelle Lesniewski Garrett Litke Tori Louviere













Avery Malerich Patrick Mallard Steven Malone Haley Marshall Natasha Martin Leslie Martinez





Lifeguarding 101

Getting strapped into a lifeguard gumey by sophimore Josh Bodhar, sophomore Lesley Pietsch stands firmly against the gumey. They were stablising my neck and back. It was practice for our final scene scenario in lifeguarding class," said Petsch.

#### Photo finish

"Looking through the lens, you find magic in unexpected places, and when you take the shot you make it your own,"said sophomore Alyssa Robertson starting to roll her film into the film loader.



























Alexander Mendoza Alysia Metsch Melissa Miller Quincy Moore Amelia Morales Jonathon Morikis

#### Couple's lunch

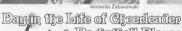
Usually seen together at lunch, sophomores Rachelle Fogarty and Andrew Short enjoy their meal together. "It's so loud in lunch we have to yell across the table to hear," said Fogarty,



Excited for lunch, sophomore Jenny Lanfear gets ready to eat. "I don't like waiting for C lunch because you sit in fifth hour and just wait while you're starving," said Lanfear.







\* \* & Basksiball Player 8:00:2:55 Sepool 3:20-5:30 Basketball Practice

5:30-6:30 Cheer Practice

6:30-8:00 Homework

"The season was challenging when I had practices or games on the same day." \* -Emily Witvoet, 10



Commenting on her goals for her future, sophomore Mallory Baccino works on her chemistry "After senior year I want to go to Purdue North Central or Purdue Lafayette to study nursing," said Baccino.

#### Amusing favorites

"Photography is my favorite class. The people are so amusing," said sophomore Jianni Rivera. There are four stages of photography classes at Griffith High School. Rivera is in the second level of the class.



Mandi Clark



Sink or swim

Working on his front crawl technique in P.E. class, sophomore Nick Stassin paddles through the pool. "Open swim was the best because you get to goof around," said Stassin.

#### Cute t-shirt!

"I love goofing around and trying to make awesome clothes in textiles," said sophomore Courtney Hargis while helping fellow sophomore Elizabeth Kras, make a shirt in textiles.















Tyler Morrison Zachary Muller Marisa Mureiko Brianna Nagel Joseph Narolewski Eric Navarro













Mark Nelleman Brianna Nelson Francisco Nevarez Alvssa Niewiadomski Ashlev Nooiin Kenneth Norsweather













Jerry Nowak Agnes O'Brien Andrew O'Brien Angela O'Dell Chloe Oliver Desiree Perkovich



























Mark Rex Maya Rice Jianni Rivera Brandon Robbins Katelyn Roberts Alyssa Robertson

Many memories

Sophomore Vicki Solivais works in Jim Graff's room on her project in ceramics class. "I was trying to finish painting my memory box in time for it to get in the kiln for the second firing. said Solivais.

Locker madness

Making a stop at his locker, sophomore Devvn Tucker searches around for his books. "My locker is messy, so it is hard for me to get back and forth between my classes and locker in time," said Tucker.





Catena Root Gregory Rothchild Nicholas Ruiz Amy Russell Hope Ryan Janessa Salinas













Esperanza Sanchez Tiffany Sanders Alejandra Sandoval William Scheffel Jacob Schnoor Sarah Shaffer















Deshonna Shaw Holly Shew Andrew Short Omar Silva Adrienne Simpson Romania Simpson















Shae Siokos Jessica Smith Victoria Solivais















**Emily Stack** Nicholas Stassin Taylor Steffan Robert Stevens David Stokes Nicholas Street





















Ariana Suarez Sarah Sutherland Robert Szabo Maciej Szczepkowski Janessa Tamez Ciara Taylor













Kelsey Taylor Jennifer Teasdale Alejandra Tellez Emilee Trueblood Justin Turner Megan Tuttle













Javier Urena Joseph Vaclavik Miguel Valtierra Crystal Vanwhite Kathleen Villalpando Hanna Vrabely



























Nicole Witzke Julianne Writt Troy Yarnelle Tyler Yost Jordan Zarndt Jessica Zubik



Ryan Zubrick

## Learning about Josh Ashenbaugh

His favorite series of movies are the Harry Potter movies.

He paintballs and goes to the Dunes to sled and snow-board with his friends.

He plays on the basketball, soccer and golf team.

He wants to skydive off the Empire State Building before he dies.



Amanda Zaborowsk

It's a photo shoot
Shaking her negatives, sophomore Rathy Villalpando shows
the class how her photos
turned out. 'I was developing my negatives. It is difficult
because if you mess up, the
photos might come out over exposed or under exposed," said
Villalpando.



#### No shirt, no shoes....

Clothing isn't a problem for freshman Danny Bolda! Taking a quick gander at the day's workout, Bolda stretches his legs out. "I've been swimming since I was 11," said Bolda. "I swim the 100 yard breast and 200 yard IM."

#### Now that's a reaction!

Moving back to Griffith after living in South Bend, freshman Sarah Velasquez prefers our small school to the large one she was at. "I like to do labs here because it's more hands on, and I don't like to take notes," said Velasquez.

#### Mix it up

In Foods I, freshman Stephanie Younker gets Margie Keithley's help on adding food coloring to icing. "I took Foods I because I like to cook and I wanted to learn more," said Younker. "Mrs. Keithley is humorous, and she makes it enjoyable to learn.





Anatomy of a freshman's locker:



I have a couple golf clubs, stuff I throw in between classes, and a sucker that's been there for, a few weeks." Ross Myers, 9

> "I don't really go to my locker that much. When I do, I throw stuff in and kick it if it doesn't fit." Hannah Million, 9











Cavlee Adams Samantha Adams Jesus Aldape Bri-anne Andriessen Christy Anzur

Alisondra Acevedo





























#### Practice makes perfect

"Hanging out with all the older girls was the best part about this year because I can improve by what they tell me," said freshman Christy Anzur. Anzur participated on the junior varsity soccer team.

#### The layers of homework Working diligently, freshman

Emily Linders sketches the Earth's layers for Earth Science. "I don't really like the class because we take a lot of notes," said Linders. "I wish we did more labs."











































Robert Cheek Gabriel Cherry Caitlin Christenson Adam Cioroianu Miryea Cisneros Ailey Clark

Cole Clark Miles Collins Armando Cordova Brian Corrie Evelyn Creech Tv.Juan Culbreath



Kailie Drummond Stephen Duhon Cory Dunagan Juliana Duvnjak Kimberly Dye Jamil Eason

Ann Ficht Andrew Figueroa Andrew Fowler Sarah Galambos Brandon Gale RaShawn Gamble

















































Down time

Between classes freshman Ben Parish goes to his locker. "Going to my locker is my five minutes of freedom that I love, "said Parish. A lot of students use this time to catch up with friends and get ready for the next class.

## reshmen Fears!

I didn't know anybody in it and I didn't want to sit by myself Taylor Backe, 9

> Where to sit at lunch (46%)



"I didn't want to embarrass

myself in front of the whole

I didn't want to look stupid and walk into the wrong class." Zach Grin, 9

















Kaitlynd Gardner Ashlan Gary Blaire Gearhart Alyssa Gebo Maegan Glass Joseph Golub













Lauren Gonzales Jordan Gonzalez Kaitlyn Gonzalez Abagail Grabos Austin Griggs Zachary Grin











Irene Gutierrez Sierra Gutierrez Vivian Haddad DeAndre Hannsberry Al-Monteser Hassan Mercedes Hermosillo













Reyna Hernandez Justin Herrera Jay Hicks David Higgins Daizja Hill Jillian Holtzer







At swimming, brothers sophomore Nick Kudyba and freshman Thomas Kudyba get yelled at for messing around and not getting business done. "Having my brother on the team helps me push myself," said Thomas.

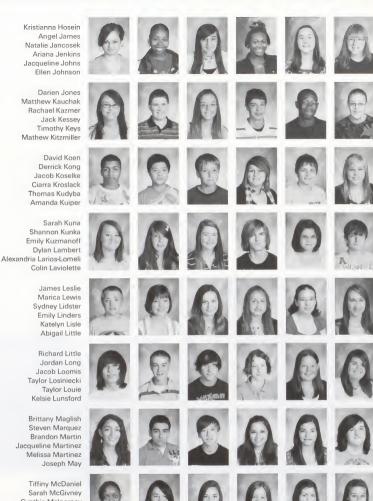


Raquel N

Learning in different ways Instead of sitting in a desk, Spanish I went to the computer lab to get more practice on the vocabulary and grammar of the lesson. The computer programs help get one on one time with the vocabulary." said

freshman Caylee Adams.

Going for the goal
Freshman Rosie Quintanilla
runs down the field to score
the next goal for the JV soccer
team. "After getting a goal I feel
good about myself and that I
accomplished what I came out
to do," said Quintanilla.



Sarah McGivney Cynthia McInerney Allison Meece Alyssa Melchor Krystal Mendoza





Munching in lunch

Lunch is a time where you get to take a break from your classes and satisfy your hunger. "I like lunch because I get a chance to eat and talk to all of my friends," said freshman Joey Armstrong

#### Taking care of business

Information technology is a class that teaches students useful business skills. "I was working on a Power Point presentation on the computer," said freshman Kailie Drummond.







#### Rushed for time

Students have only a few minutes to go to their lockers, socialize, and navigate through B Hall, H Hall, and D Hall. "Sometimes it's hard to get to class on time since we only have five minutes," said freshman Melissa Smith

#### Freshmen on ice

Some students on the iceskating field trip were skating like pros, but others were on the ice for the first time. "It was my first time skating, but it turned out to be a lot of fun." said freshman Janelle Owzcarzak.

## Middle School vs. High School "Coming from St. Marys", "The teachers give a

a big difference would be no uniforms," Jeanette Salazar, 9

"The biggest difference for me would be the amount of people in the school." Emily Kuzmanoff, 9

lot more work in high school." Karis White, 9

\*"There are a lot more clubs, and sports to be involved in." Stephanie Younker



#### She's the MANager.

Being a football manager is like a job to freshman Taylor Louie. For each practice and game, she makes sure the football players are hydrated, and their equipment is ready to be used. "I have a blast being with the other managers and football players,"said Louie.

#### Away from the books

Instead of taking another class where you work from a book, freshman Anna Steinhubel decided to take a different approach. "In information technology the Excel projects help me with my computer skills," said Steinhubel.

#### Shape it up!

'I like gym because it's a great way to hang out with your friends and stay fit," freshman Mercedes Hermosillo said. The P.E. classes played basketball for a week in the main gym.







Amber Murphy Ross Myers Preston Nelson Allison Nolan Chloe Norton Miguel Nunez













































#### Practice for success

Playing her bass clarinet, freshman Nia Ross is getting ready for an upcoming concert. "Practicing my instrument helps me prepare for performances," said Ross.

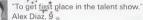
#### That's so funny

Three girls were walking into the lunch room laughing about having to take the picture. "We were trying not to look at the camera, which made us laugh even more," said freshman Ariana, lenking.



#### Freshmen goals by senior year







"Be captain of the swimming team." Stephanie Disanto, 9







"Get straight A"s Sean Downs, 9



Make a band (not on a video game

Kailie Drummond, 9











































Forrest Roe Nia Ross Andrew Rothchild Julia Saberniak Jeanette Salazar Evelyn Sanders

Sabrina Santos Brian Scheeringa Chelsea Scofield Matthew Seiluns Steven Sharp Chelsea Shinkle

> Karina Silva Ashley Sims Jesse Smith Melissa Smith Telia Smith Stefanie Sov

















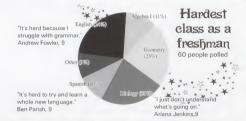
















Eating Lunch

While sitting down for lunch, freshman Andrew Zarndt enjoys conversing with friends. "I like lunch because I enjoy the time away from my classes and I also get the chance to finish any homework I have left to do," said Zarndt.

Joshua Steele Anna Steinhubel Deena Suboh Ashlev Summers Ashlev Thomas Tyler Thomas

John Tibbs Michelle Torres Michelle Urena Maria Valladares Ruben Vargas Destiny Villalobos





































Anna Voqel Deziree Walker Joseph Washack Patrick Weber Stacy Weber Karis White











Jesse Yarnelle Dale Young Stephanie Younker Selena Zamudio Andrew Zarndt



part of the day. "I enjoy lunch because I like to catch up with friends and Kelly [a lunch lady] makes me a special lunch because I'm vegetarian, "said Meece



While eating pizza, freshmen Jackie Morales and Shannon Kunka enjoy a free period in journalism. "It was really cool to be rewarded for winning the food drive," said Morales.







#### Fashion trend

Relaxing in the library, freshman Sebrina Santos, enjoys a study hall period, while wearing Ugg boots. "Many girls throughout the school wear Ugg boots every day and I think they give the impression of dressing nice. I like to dress nice," said Santos.

# WEARE ...



#### Tougher classes

Working hard in school is a very important part of a Griffith student's life. Whether a freshman or a senior, all students have something to work hard for in this school. Freshmen Ali Acevedo and Darien Jones work on assignments in textiles class often. Textiles is a nice class for many to take some relief off of a tough schedule. With harder classes in science and math, many freshmen tend to feel a lot of pressure with all the harder classes that are now requirements to take. "This year is a lot harder than it was in middle school. I don't have as many blow-off classes like I did before," said Jones. "If I didn't have friends in my classes, school would be unbearable,"

Even though some people have a tough time adjusting to a new rigorous schedule in high school, other students have an easier time adjusting to high school. "I have a lot of easy classes that I take," said freshman Emma Blackard, "I think that math is a lot easier than it was in middle school. Even though biology is a lot harder than life science, I think this year has been better."

For seniors, AP classes can frustrate a lot of people. AP English at Griffith is known to be a lot more overbearing than regular English classes, "AP English is a large step up from regular English. Mrs. Collard gives out way more homework than I have ever gotten, and getting used to it is difficult at first," said senior Carissa Quintero. "Eventually, I adjusted because it became routine to get a lot of homework in that class. Even though this year has been a lot harder, I'm really enjoying my last year at Griffith."

#### Reading in peace

One of the many enjoyments of life during the day at GHS is reading a book. With a rigorous schedule reading during free time can help people to relax and enjoy themselves. Griffith students have followed the trend in the world of reading Twilight series and other books of that nature.

\*Books are a great escape from having to deal with classes. I enjoy the library atmosphere so much that I try to be in there often," said senior Caity Hayes. "Reading, is a common hobby of mine that evervone can enjoy. Reading is beneficial to school and can only help

#### Enjoying her rewards

Relaxing in Kristina Collard's journalism class is junior Mia Campbell, Her fourth hour journalism class earned a pizza party by donating the most items per person for the student council sponsored food drive. Along with the pizza, the students also received pop, pasta, and wings,

"[The pizza party] was really fun," said Campbell. "We all chipped in money each week for shopping. I went one of the weeks. Mrs. Collard was really supportive of us. so she helped us out as well. She let us watch t.v. while we ate our pizza and pop, and she also just let us have a free day."

#### Outside of the classroom

Sometimes words can't fully teach a lesson. Luckily for science classes, there's a forest near the school. This forest gives students an opportunity to see what they are studying. However, some students just enjoy not having to do homework, Junior Zach Adams exams a leaf in his earth science

"For earth science, we went outside when it was warm. We got to see exactly what we were learning so it was a neat experience," said Adams, "I like hands-on science because it's awesome to relate what we're learning in class to real life "

#### Eniovina classes

Of the many classes offered at Griffith, senior Shanlynn Bias enjoys taking interior decorating. In this class. Bias had the opportunity to learn about designing rooms. For their final project, the class was divided into groups. The groups then got to redecorate a certain teacher's extra space.

"I love to design. Taking this class gave me an opportunity to see what my future could be if I become an interior decorator," said Bias, "This class was also pretty easy for me so it was a nice change from the hard classes I have to take to maintain my top ten status '







#### Lending a helping hand

At the board showing her classmates an example in calculus is senior Jane Hurdish, "I try to help my peers nicely understand without actually giving them the answers " said Hur-

#### Knuck for goodluck

Before a test in one of his advanced classes senior Andrew Thomas gives his classmate a good luck "knuck," "It helps me mentally get ready to ace my test " said Thomas

# Brainiac

Freshman to Senior- Every year, the senior class has a selected group of students that have the highest grades and grade point averages in the school. These are ten students that have worked hard the four years they spent here at GHS to get a spot in the top ten. Some kids attending Griffith High School slack the first year or two and really buckle down the rest of their high school career. For others, it's the opposite. They work hard for a year or two or even three, but let loose for their last couple of years. But for academic achievers, such as those who make up the top ten, the hard work travels with them from freshman to senior year. Students also take more advanced and AP classes to get a head start on college and make their transcript more impressive. One of these students who like to challenge themselves is senior Amber Crook. " I took AP classes because it looks good for colleges and helps my chances of getting accepted," said Crook.

Top Ten Dinner- The top ten are invited to a special dinner held every year in their honor. The dinner was held on Sunday, April 25th at the high school in B Hall. A program was made with a page dedicated to each student giving details to what they will be doing in the future, favorite classes, and other information. Each student gets to invite their parents and a favorite teacher to have dinner with them. The student then says a few choice words about the teacher they selected. "I think it's awesome that we get to pick a teacher to go with us because it's nice to give back to the people who have made an impact on our lives," said senior Rachel Cooper, She decided to invite Scott MacFarland, business, to this year Top Ten Dinner.

Keeping it in the Family- It is a common belief that brains run in the family. For some current and past students here at GHS, that statement holds true. Flashing back to the 2007-2008 school year, the Valedictorian and Salutatorian were Ellen Hurdish and Amy Fitzgerald. The 2009-2010 Valedictorian is Jane Hurdish, Ellen's younger sister, and Jill Fitzgerald, Amy's younger sister. "I think it's cool that we have that in common, and we both could accomplish that for my family," said senior Jane Hurdish. There are other examples or siblings following in the footsteps of their older brother or sister. The 2009-2010 class president is Jake Long, and a 2007-2008 class president was Jake's older brother, Josh Long.

Graduation- For graduation, the top ten get a few special honors and recognitions. Every member of the elite group wear gold cords along with their cap and gown. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian both give a speech, along with the class president. The Valedictorian welcomes the class to graduation, and the Salutatorian wishes she graduating class well in their journey into the next step of their lives. "I want to try and think of something inspirational to say in my speech. I want people to get something out of it," said senior and Salutatorian Jill Fitzgerald. The top ten also receive their diplomas first before the remainder of the students are called up alphabetically.









Even they need help! "Mrs. Collard was helping me with something for my newspaper ad," said senior Justin Phillips, getting confirmation on the information for his ad. Phillips has been a member of Panther Press for two years





Major Film Studies









































To fully prepare herself for an exam, senior Shanlynn Bias has a quick study session during class. "I try to take notes and remember everything from them so I only have to study for ten to fifteen minutes," said Bias.

Business and pleasure Catching up on his homework during his aide hour, senior Zach Kisfalusi works on finishing his work before he leaves school. "I try to manage my time well so I'm not overwhelmed in any class," said Kisfalusi.





Note taking!

Getting ready to take notes in AP English, senior Jackie Lopez took out her packet to help her follow along with the lesson. "I like English because it is a challenge," said Lopez.

#### Draw it up

AP Art History is interesting because you learn about different types of art," said junior Nicolette Nunez, while pointing to the different art pieces and sharing with students what she just learned about them.



#### Catching up on Reading

Sitting in AP English, senior Andrew Thomas reads Hamlet. Reading Hamlet was exciting, but it's hard to remember what is for what class because I'm in more then one AP class, said Thomas.



There are a lot of other ways to learn beside the textbook In AP Bio they use paper chains to represent the enzymes and how they work. "The class can be really hard some times, but it helps learning other ways, "said junior Katie Cahill.



#### What was the hardest part about AP/ Pual Credit classes



"The hardest thing was all the homework we have to do every night," Ashley Darrough, 12, AP Calculus.

"AP Art History's test are some of the hardest things in the class, "Trisha Monroe, 12, AP Art History,





"Trying to learn what all the new words mean and how they apply to what I'm learning," Chris Melton, 11, Bio II.







#### Teaching Spanish

Getting in front of the class can be hard some days, but it helps others learn the language faster. "I think it helps students when they are taught by a fellow student," said senior Amanda Valtierra.

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Pual credits- Enrolling in a duel credit class does not mean twice as much homework, but it does mean more money. "You do not only have to pay the high school fee, but also the college tuition," said senior Jessica Breclaw. The class is not like a regular high school class. In some classes, the grades are all based on test scores. No homework grades are taken. These are offered either at Griffith or the college campus. "I left at 7th hour and went over to Purdue Calumet for a psychology course," said Breclaw. One benefit of taking a dual credit class is getting an idea of what college will be like. "By working a little harder in high school, I will not have to take as many credit hours next year in college," said Breclaw.

AP classes- AP class were offered in a variety of subjects like English, math, Spanish, art history, and biology. Expectations in these classes are set higher. "Regular classes do not have the responsibility of having summer reading, extra vocabulary, and mock AP essays," said senior Zach Kisfalusi. The semester grades are weighted on a 5.0 scale rather than a 4.0 scale. These classes not only help you with your GPA, but they also help prepare you for college. "After taking AP English, I hope to gain the knowledge in my writing skills that can help me in college," said Kisfalusi. At the end of the AP class, an exam is given. Throughout the course, the assignments prepare you for the exam. If you pass with a high enough score you will receive college credits. "A person can gain college credits for their work in high school and have the hard work ethic and dedication needed in college," said Kisfalusi.

Graduating requirements- Students wishing to receive an honor diploma at graduation must meet these new guidelines starting with the graduating class of 2010. Students must take on AP or dual credit course. These courses must be approved by the college board to be considered as dual credit. "Extensive course description and syllabus are submitted by our teachers and the college board determines if they qualify as an AP course. Courses that are accepted by universities qualify as a duel credit," said Michelle Udchitz, guidance. Those classes use a different grading scale. AP courses receive one additional point towards a student's GPA. "Students are automatically eligible for AP English and calculus if they maintain a "C" or above in their enriched English or math, Students are eligible for other AP courses with applications, teacher recommendations, test scores, and their GPA," said Udchitz.



### The best point of elective classes oure...

"...getting to hang with my friends in textiles, while I sew and make clothes at the same time." -Elizabeth Kras, 10

> "...getting to have a break from all of your other serious classes." -Ailey Clark, 9



"...being able to take a class in the things I actually like to do." -Zac Adams, 11







Amanda Zaborowski

In psychology
Another good thing about electives is that you get hands-onlearning experiences. I really enjoyed the dissection. The
brain felt squishy and smelled
rank, but the worst part was
trying to cut the outer meninges because the slimy thin layer just wouldn't peel off!' said
junior Michelle Spoetti.



Presentations, and more Some electives, such as foods, require a lot of concentration and precision. The class can be exciting for finals and projects, as well. 'I was presenting my final project which was really easy. I made snicker doodles and they were really good,' said sophomore Desiree Perkovich.

Working and sewing
While in textiles, freshman Evelyn Creech works on her pajama pants. My favorite project was the frog pillow because we donated them, and I also made them for my family during Christmas time." Said Creech.



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Artistic- Some students like to show off their creative side here at GHS. Instead of the same old core classes every hour, students have the option to take artistic classes such as photography, ceramics, and interior decorating. "I really enjoy photography because I get to express myself by taking pictures. My favorite assignment was mood/emotion because I got to show myself through another person," said junior Ray Alvarez. For the final exam in interior decorating, the students got the chance to decorate Kristina Collard's journalism office. "Our class was divided into groups and my group won so we got to redecorate the office. It took us a week and we had to cram everything in because there was so much to do in so little time. The finished project was graded on your work ethic, so you couldn't just stand around," said senior Angelina Ojeda,

Musical- More exciting elective classes that are available for students are band and choir classes. Band is a seventh hour class in which they use that time to practice for game and competitions. "I like how I never get homework in band. I get to play my instrument at the games which is exciting because I get to help cheer on the team," said junior Katie Cahill.

Another enjoyable class that many students take is choir. It fulfills the art credit requirement and it's good for people who enjoy singing. "I love to sing in choir, but when we aren't singing I socialize and do my homework," said freshman Anthony Carter.

Foreign languages- Bonjour! Hola! These are the first words that most people learn in a foreign language. For a college bound student you must take at least two years of a foreign language. French and Spanish are considered electives, though. "My favorite Spanish saying is 've te chica,' which means, 'you go girl," said junior Anna Schell.

'Everyday I learn new words in English, and I like to find out what the are in French," said freshman Andrew Fowler.



#### Making ceramics

During ceramics class, senior Josh Hansen works diligently on his ceramic guitar. "I like to make things with my hands, and the quitar was very interesting to make," said Hansen.



Making copies for English Being a teacher aide is also

Deep river One of the perks to taking an elective, such as lifeguarding, is taking fieldtrips to interesting places. "We went to Deep River water park and got to work with the lifeguards. We also learned signs they use and how the park is ran," said sophomore Kalie Lastagarkov.

another option for an elective. Aides help teachers by making copies, grading papers, and keeping things organized. "I like being an aide because you don't have to take a final," said senior Kyle Carter.

#### Credits for graduation

Diligently working to increase her number of credits, senior Melissa Stadnik works in credit recovery. "I'm taking government in credit recovery," she said. Many students take credit recovery to gain enough credits to be eligible for graduation. Forty-seven credits are needed to graduate.

#### Mind-boggling

Working out some tough SAT problems, juniors Art Garcia, Cody Modglin, and Eric Bean gather together. "The SAT class is quarly because it has a nice vibe and I like learning the tips and tricks." Garcia commented. The class met on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m.







#### Viewing college

On a college day at the College of Court Reporting in Hobart junior Maggie Butkus said, "I was interested in viewing this college because it's the school I plan to attend after high school."

#### Early help

"I signed up for the 21st Century scholarship in eighth grade," said junior Brittney Sanders. "I want to attend IUN or IU Bloomington to be a dentist," she added. This scholarship can be used for any Indiana college.









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Stressful SAT's For many high school students, the SAT and ACT could be considered the biggest tests of their high school career. The Scholastic Aptitude Test, most commonly known as the SAT is a major factor in determining if a student will be accepted into a college. "It was nerve-wracking [taking the SAT's] because you need it to get in college, and it's important for the future," said junior Katie Gilbert. The ACT, or the American College Test, can also be taken and submitted to colleges. The highest possible score on the SAT is 2400, while the highest possible on the ACT is a 36. There were seven chances for students at GHS to sign up to take the up to five hour test. Senior Jeremy Hardin said. "I chose to take the SAT my junior year in November because it worked the best with my sports schedule."

Waiting Game Sending in your application in to colleges that you would like to attend can be very stressful. The SAT and, if you took it, the ACT score, must be included as well as your high school transcripts. admission essay, and even a letter of recommendation if the college requires it. Letters back from the school usually can take anywhere from four to eight weeks, depending on the time it was sent in and the amount of applications the school is receiving, "It took a month for West Virginia to respond, but I finally got accepted!" senior Pat Ruesken exclaimed.

Getting Ready As we say goodbye to the seniors, they say hello to college. The students are deciding what college they want to go to and what to buy for their dorm. "I'm going to Depauw because they want me to play [baseball] for them," senior Samuel Carter said. There are quite a lot of items incoming freshmen need for their first year of college; new bedding, picture frames, a lapton and many other supplies are needed to make a college dorm feel like home. Senior Jeff Godlewski said, "I'm taking my car to IU Northwest so I can come home when I need to.'

Saving Money College tuition isn't cheap, especially in a recession like ours today. So saving any money really can be a big help to a parent's checkbook. There are many variations in scholarships; the Lilly Endownent Scholarship offers four-year, full tuition scholarships to Indiana students that apply. They differ in amount, qualifications, and requirements. There are essays a student can write and submit, as well as getting an academic or athletics scholarship to a school. "Any scholarship sent here goes in the scholarship bulletin," guidance counselor Tom Golumbeck said. "Every junior and senior should check it monthly," he added

#### Family school

Discussing course options with guidance counselor Michelle Udichtz, senior Alicia Begeske said. "I'm going to IU because most of my family goes there and I visited the campus and really liked it.

### Who's going where?



"I'm going to play basketball and studu biologu at IU-South Bend. Lauren Hainsen, 12

"I'm going to Harvard to study law." -Peter Sepulveda, 12

"I'm going to Trine University to play football and study engineering." -Cory Stialham, 12



"I want to go to cosmotology school in Chicargo. -Taylor Long, 12





#### Open Wide

Examining a career center studnet's mouth, senior Natisha Wlodarczyk observes the characteristics of the mouth."I am scaling her teeth for plaque and other stuff," said Wlodarczyk

#### Suds and Style

At the career center, senior Alysa Finck washes a clients hair before she cuts it. "I like the career center because it gives me experience in the field," said Finck.





Taking some food to the oven, junior Jake Writt enjoys the culinary art class in the Hammond Career Center. "I love to cook, I can't wait to become a chef and taking this class is an easy way to learn," said Writt.



#### Yum

Assisting her instructor, senior Shanon Carpenter watches the teacher fry some eggs in her culinary class."This class is hard but is very enjoyable," said Carpenter.

Recording and reporting
One of the assignment's for

One of the assignment's for journalism was to find different kinds of news stories. "The class was interesting because you learn about all different types of news," said freshman Abby Grabos.



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## Legirners

age by: Dylan Etheridge

Teach your way to an A Some kids go to the career center in the morning to learn about a career, but then there are others who go to the elementary schools and help teach the younger kids the basics. Cadet teachers have to grade papers, make copies and also help kids one on one." Ig to Iranklin every day to help out the fifth grade classes," said senior Jacquelyn Lopez. The cadet teachers help the elementary schools during the first two hours of the day. The career center students come back to our school at the beginning of fourth hour.

New Technology This year our school was introduced to new technology. We received a grant from the U.S. Department of Education allowing us to purchase 16 Interwrite boards that have been distributed throughout the district. Each board costs approximately \$1,200. Our high school received five out of the 16. The rest went to the elementary schools and middle school. "Mr. Santori uses his board a lot in class. I like it because he doesn't have to repeat himself and I can just look at the board," said junior Fernanda Bugarin.

Over the summer, our journalism room and library were given brand new computers for the upcoming year. In the library, the computers were upgraded because they were so heavily used. In the journalism room, the computers were replaced for the demand in new software.

Reviewing the facts. All classes have tests. Whether it is going to be easy or not, the test has to be taken. Some teachers like helping out the students the day before by playing a review game. "Mrs. Chidichimo's review basketball game is the best review game," said senior lose Ciseneros, who thinks that review games help people out on the test. Tests are important in every class, studying for the test is essential.



Name: Chris Curnow

Grade: Junior Career center class: Digital Imaging and Design

Q: What is hard about career center?

A: "Just learning the basics and knowing what to do."

Q: What's your favorite thing about it?

A: "We learned how to design graphics on our own shirts."

Q: Do you plan on pursuing that career? Why?

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A: "Yeah, I would like to get a job as a graphic designer."

# We are

age by: Raquel Mazur

Laughter gets us through the day. When it comes to school, the day seems to just drag on. Hour after hour, class after class, most of us cannot wait to finally go home, kick back, and relax. Everyone has their own remedies to get through it all, but the one everyone can relate to is humor. Laughter relieves stress and makes time fly by. "I enjoy having my friends in my classes," said senior Sara Winiccki, "When we laugh and have a friendly atmosphere, it makes the day go by faster." When sitting in a boring class, having a few chuckles doesn't just make the time fly, but it is also shown to strengthen the immune system, reduces food cravings, and even increase one's pain tolerance. Skip the doctor and find a class clown! It's cheaper, closer by and more excitine!

The "I can't believe they said that!" moments- Joking around is all fun and games, until someone gets offended. Most of the time, teachers end up unhappy. Students may get sent to the office, detentions, or even written up for their humor at times. Sometimes, students just need to gauge how a teacher is feeling that day and make sure that they aren't doing it at bad times, such as a test. "I quoted a line from The Hangover in Madame's (Lorrainne Hageman) class, and she called me by my French name and said I was ridiculous." said uniner Lindsay Plerce.

Senior Montana Krosłack continuousły asked Kelli Bridges, foreign language, to turnabout, always being turned down. "I photo-shopped us together in a fake dance picture," said Krosłack, "She got really mad, and gave it to the vice principal, who called me down and had a chat with me."

Junior Josh Kisfalusi felt J.R. Ford's, foreign language, wrath. "I said strip poker was his favorite game to play when he asked us what it was," said Kisfalusi. "He kept me after class and told me that was inappropriate and not to say it again."

Our perspective-Some teachers like to have zero disruptions, no matter what, during their class. Others welcome comic relief, as long as it's at an appropriate time. A teacher's take on class clowns vary from class to class. There may be a class, like Rachel Miller's English 12, where the teacher is a class clown themselves. "The more someone laughs, the more they pay attention," said Miller. "I used to get laughed at all the time growing up, but now it's positive."

Unlike Miller's lax mood, Pat Sadler, art, will not tolerate anything that interrupts her class. "I don't want students to interfere with others' education," said Sadler. "I expect my students to take their education seriuouls! I like being strict!" Hopefully, by our counselor's grace, everyone will at least get one teacher that is all for class clowns!

Riding on through school
Passing some time during his
aide hour, junior Dustin Holycross pretends to ride on the
Panther Express." "Ever since
I was in kindergarten, I have
been known to be funny." said
Holycross. "My friend and I
would run around with trucks
and knock down other kids'











Thinking outside the box

In newspaper, we were discussing if Americans were ignorant. It was ironic when I put the box on and said that we weren't," said junior Jeremy Starks. Starks has been known for being funny since freshman year thanks to the upperclassmen in drama and swimming.

Back to the basics

Attempting to pass Tracy Whitman's eighth grade English final, junior Jayce Lagestee fails miserably. "With my answers, I got a perfect. With the correct answers, I missed eleven," said

What is the funniest thing you have ever Mituessed in class

"Once, in English class, Aisha Parrough (19) orsked what come after 'm' in the alphabet."





At Deep River on a field trip, senior Jake Anderson participates in some extreme beach volleyball. "I feel like being funny makes others smile and classes more entertaining. It also makes it easier to learn," said Anderson while acting goofy, making faces, and jumping weirdly when he played.

Just some casual reading "I stole Mr. (Jim) Pickett's easy

button one day," said freshman Brandon Brummet, "I took it to Mrs. (Sarah) Cohen's math class. When she did a problem on the board, I clicked the button. That was easy!" Brummet considers himself stupid, but naturally funny.



"Jose Gisneros (12) wars talking to Jerry Sharp (12) in Mrs. (Sheilar) Varcarrik's class while we were reguling The Junale Mrs. Varclarvik arsked something about the book, and Jerry broke out singing 'Welcome to The Junale' by Guns N' Roses."

Nich Garyolos, 12





#### Powerpoint perfection The projects assigned by

Miss Miller aren't hard. They just take time and effort," said sophomore Leslie Pietsch. This powerpoint presentation was over amputations and disabilitioe



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Proporation- Projects and presentations are nothing to new to students here at Griffith High School, Biology I, Child development, Physical Education teachers and plenty others assign a large variety of projects to their students. Throughout the school year students are seen preparing and completing projects and presentations such as writing mock newspaper articles in Journalism and trying to figure out naturalistic observations in Psychology. It isn't out of the ordinary to hear of students dissecting a baby pig in Biology II or even creating one's very own purse in Textiles I.

Funtasy Football- Fantasy Football is growing in popularity as football lovers across America manages their own fantasy team. Each team consists of random players from various football teams and gain points for everything they do on the field. Thinking back to first semester of everyone's gym class with Jack Gabor, P.E and health, Fantasy Football may come to mind. Throughout the entire fantasy league each group of students manages their own team and calculates their own points every week. Along with their point sheets a written report is turned in with it. At the end of the season Fantasy Football Superbowl winners are selected.

Shild Development- When assigned a project, the first thing most people do is hit the books or search the interenet, but in child development you can't get an "A" on this project by doing either of those things. Child development gives fake babies to students to be taken care of outside and inside of school for three days. It shows students how it truely is to take care of a small child. With the baby crying at all hours of the day it is a difficult task to get a full night's rest. Attached to the student's wrist is a bracelet with a key attached. This is made to be put into the back of the baby's back to stop the crying.

Sell Project- Learning about the body couldn't be more fun than learning it while creating a replica of a cell. In Biology I, usually taken by freshman, a project is assigned to make a cell model. Students stay up night after night trying to figure out how to create this project into what they might think of as a masterpiece. Using styrofoam balls, pipecleaners, Smartees, and other various household objects students learn the different parts of the cell. "I remember when I did my cell project. It was so stressful! I was up the whole night before trying to finish it. I even had my mom go to Walgreens to pick up things I could use for the project," said senior Sydney Reis.



privilege of saying they know how to save a life, but senior Jake Anderson does. 'I feel good knowing if people are in danger I can help," said Ander-

#### Bon appetit!

Revealing her masterpiece to Margie Keithley's foods I class is sophomore Leslie Martinez. "I love foods class because all of our projects consist of making delicious food," said Marti-







Raquel Mazur Finishing touches

Before her final project is due for Photo II, junior Samantha McInerney adds some last minute touches. 'This project is a collage of twelve pictures and it took a lot of hard work," said McInerney.

## What's your favorite project?



"My favorite project would definitely have to be in Bio II when we did the infectious project."

-Nick Gallina, 12



"I really liked making a board game in Bo Radtke"'s manufacturing class."

-Derrick Kong, 9

#### Get it straight

All steamed up and ready to go, freshman Sarah Galambos irons her material before sewing together a bag. "I was preparing to start my tote bag. I ended up really enjoying the project," said Galambos.







#### Brain dissection

While dissecting a sheep brain in psychology, seniors Gabe Sotres and Amanda Zaborowski refer back to their book for help. "It was cool seeing what my brain looks like only smaller," said Sotres.

#### 3,2,1 liftoff!!!

During an outdoor lab, seniors Sara Popovich and Jackie Lopez prepare their rocket for launch. "This lab was exciting because we got to construct our own rockets and fly them outside," said Popovich.



# We are Experimental

Let's get experimental. Seven periods in a regular school day can be extremely repetitive. One way to bring a class together and to get students up and out of their seats is to have a science lab. Many students enjoy labs because it's an exciting way to take what they have learned and put it to the test. Students participate in a variety of labs such as dissecting labs, chemical reaction labs, outdoor labs, and the very popular food labs. "I love participating in labs. It's way more entertaining than just sitting, staring at a book all day." said sophomore Megan Tuttle.

Lab preparation: Every teacher is concerned about their students' safety. Pre-labs are a way to test how asfe a science experiment will be. The day before, or even the week before the actual lab, teachers will go over the steps and precautions students need to take for the lab to be successful. "Personally, I don't like pre-labs," said sophomore Brandon Cole. "They're unbelievably boring, and most of the time I already know what we're doing."

Brain time - Every year in psychology class, students get the chance to look, at a brain up close and personal. This year students dissected a sheep brain to familiarize themselves with the functions and formation of the brain. "Dissecting the sheep brain was very interesting. Even though the brain was extremely small, it was very complex inside," said senior Shanlynn Bias. "I really enjoyed this lab, it was better than I hought it was going to be."



#### Mixing it up

Many students enjoy labs because they get the chance to work with a variety of chemicals. "Working with chemicals is a lot more interesting then just reading about them in a book," said junior Sarah Hurdish.



### Favorite lalos throughout the year

"My favorite lab is the flame test in chemistry because it was really cool to see the flame turn different colors." Catena Root, 10





"My bio class once had a lab demonstration where Miss Ott spilled liver chunks all over her shirt." Austin Brown, 9

"One of my favorite labs to teach was the food lab where the biology students tested different foods for carbohydrates." Emily O'Brien, science







Amanda Zaborov



#### Lab preparation

Preparing for the rocket lab, sophomore Jasmine Cleveland adjusts her launch pad. "This lab was really awesome because we got to go outside for once," said Cleveland.

#### Cake time

A very popular class among GHS students is foods class. "This was one of my favorite labs because I love to bake," said sophomore Ashley Brown while frosting her cake.



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#### Team comes first

One of the keys to success for all Griffith teams is strong bonding between teammates. Putting the team first and being able to get along with teammates leads to great team chemistry. Team chemistry is important because Griffith is a small school that doesn't make cuts to teams due to a lack of participants in sports. Therefore, during the season, teammates become more like brothers rather than friends or just teammates. The boys' soccer team is no exception, as much of the team enjoys being with one another.

"I'm part of 'The Alliance.' We're an elite group consisting of [seniors] Omar Quintanilla, Jackson Buzea, Johnny Kantor, Shawn Siokos and myself who completely dominate all aspects of soccer," said senior Kyle Terpstra. "We're all friends outside of soccer, so our legacy will continue to live on through our other sports. We've also got people to continue the tradition once we leave."

Sometimes people often go out for sports because their friends are already in the sport. Freshman Sarah Kuna decided to go out for swimming because her friend freshman Manon Carter convinced her to join the team after senior Ali Pietrucha suggested it to them. "I never really considered joining the swim team until people suggested it to me," said Kuna. "I probably still wouldn't have done it until Manon said she was doing it. After I joined, (freshmen) Jesses Yamelle and Taylor Backe joined too. After those two joined, a lot more of my friends chose to do it too, and now I'm comfortable trying a new sport."

#### Serving in her final season

Being a veteran on the team, senior Alyssa Van Horssen fills in the role of the team's libero. The libero of the team is a defensive specialist that can go in and out whenever she wants to. This is an effective strategy to maximize a team's defensive potential. The libero wears a different color jersey than the rest of their team.

"I didn't get to play last year, so that made this year even more special to me," said Van Horssen. "I'm going to miss my team once I leave. We were really talented, and it's hard to realize that this was my last year playing volleyball for Griffith."

#### Making the right choice

For some people, making the decision to go out for a sport can be a tough one. Whether focusing on studies or another sport, finding time to make the commitment can be tough. Freshman Taylor Austin faced the same decision when deciding whether or not to go out for the cross country team or to focus on the upcoming baskethall season.

"I was unsure about whether I wanted to go out for the team because I wanted to focus on basketball. I think I made the right choice because I was able to contribute to our team, and we made it to semi-state," said Austin.

#### Dancing for life

Most sports are limited to one season, but certain sports practice all year. Pantherettes are one of the sports that so official practice all year. During the fall, the team does halftime routines during the football game. During the winter season, they do routines for basketball games, and they have competitions with judges.

"Competition is my favorite part of Pantherettes. I love the adrenaline rush I get when I know that I'm competing against other schools and judges are judging us. I also enjoy watching the other school's routines," said sophomore Sarah Clark.

#### Fighting through the pain

With the tough training that many athletes endure, it's no surprise that many individuals are seen wearing braces or having taped ankles. Even with these setbacks, no one wants to sit out, so the tough athletes fight through the pain.

"I didn't want to have to sit out, so I just wrapped my knee for extra support," said senior Justin Phillips. "I couldn't bend it as well as normal with it wrapped, but it didn't have that much of an effect on me."

Other common injuries include ankle sprains, pulled hamstrings, and muscle strains









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CHAMPS



Row I: Shawn Gallina, Willie Hernandez, Jerry Sharp, Nick Gallina, Joe Nunez, Ethai Adams, Trevor Hitt, Kevin Bynum, Abby Zarndt

Row 2: Jack Blount, Montana Kroslack, Steven Kepchar, Jason Villalpando, Cory Stidham, Mark Douglas, Adam Mackenthun, Logan Bocock

Secondari, Mark Douglas, Adam Mackenniuh, Logan Bocock Row 3: Matthew Butkus, Barry Baltrusis, Nick Biancardi, Kyle Smith, Eddie Boncela, Jeremy Hardin, Robert Szabo

Row 4: Ed Johnson, Maciej Szczepkowski, Derek Revis, Calvin Bonewits, Vance Thomas, Johnathan Acevedo, Eric Bean, Daniel Miller



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#### Head to head

Focused on the game, Griffith and East Chicago wait in concentration for the play to start. "When we're on defense, sometimes we just make up random calls. There's no reason, it's just funny," said senior Kevin Byrum.

#### Sideline chat

Coach Brian Orkis finds time to critique junior Jack Blount during the game. "Orkis was just yelling at me to get the defense back in line," said Blount.

#### Pumping up the team

"We always chant 1, 2, DB crew on the sidelines to get the defensive backs ready to go," said sophomore Nathan McNeill, as he stands amongst his other teammates watching the game.

#### In the game

In the midst of a play, senior Eddie Boncela blocks players of the other team. "When you're in the middle of a game, you get a huge adrenaline rush," said Boncela.



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Waiting for the intensity of the game to begin, the Panthers stand hand in hand and watch the coin toss. "During the coin toss, we all get really jacked and start screaming." said sophomore Maciej Szczenkowski

Griffith Varsity **Football** 

Conference 4-2 Overall 6-5

Morton 20-0 I Valparaiso 51-6 L Hohart 30-21 W Lowell 35-19 L KV 35-14 W Munster 7-6 W Highland 35-0 W Andrean 10-6 L FC Central 63-8 W

Sectionals Gary West Side 66-6 W Morton 34-20 L

Junior Varsity Overall 4-5

### Preparing for kick-o

#### Traditions

The Griffith football team is known for being very close friends. on and off the playing field. The team spends every day together at practice during football season, but practice isn't the only time they're together. There are a few team traditions that the players carry out each week.

Wednesday was Pasta Night, which was held at senior Nick Biancardi's house. "After we eat pasta, we watch films and always eat popsicles and tell jokes," said junior Ed Johnson.

On Thursdays, the team goes to Bridges Scoreboard after practice to eat. "After Bridges, we come back to the school and do chants and talk about the game. [Senior] Kyle Smith always puts a cone in the middle of the field," said senior Steven Kepchar. Afterwards, a few team members go to junior Jack Blount's house and go in the hot tub to relax before the next game.

#### Water girls

Each spectator at a Friday night football game here in Griffith has surely heard of all the time that the athletes put into practice. What spectators don't notice, though, is the four girls busy on the sidelines. These four girls, senior Abby Zarndt, sophomore Jordan Zardnt, and freshmen Taylor Louie and Emily Kuzmanoff are the water girls of the football team.

The water girls put in as much time during football season as the football team does. "We give about 35 hours every week during football season," said Louie. The water girls are there at every single practice and game to keep water ready for the team. Before the games, they set out the jerseys for the players. Before the season starts, the water girls give out practice clothes to each member of the football team. Every Saturday morning, these four girls are at the school washing out the water bottles and cleaning out the concession stand, in preparation for another week.

#### 75 years

When watching the Griffith football team play at the Boneyard on Friday nights, you would never imagine that people watched Griffith athletes play football seventy-five years ago. This year was the 75th anniversary of Panther football, and it was the 50th anniversary of the well-known Griffith Bonevard. At the Kankakee Valley game this season, Griffith honored the former players by holding an anniversary ceremony for them, "At the KV game, we got to meet all of the Griffith football players from past years. We played the game to honor them," said junior Derek Revis. All of the former players and coaches that attended the ceremony had their names announced. Teams who had exceptional accomplishments were also recognized on this night, such as the 1997 State Championship team.

#### The bone

Every Friday during football season, if you walk the halls of Griffith High School, you'll notice something out of the ordinary. Senior players for the football team carry around a giant bone and pass it from player to player between periods. This tradition, although quite unique, is an important and special one for the senior team members. Every year, the football coaching staff chooses a particularly tough game to offer the bone to their team. If the team pulls out a victory, the seniors are granted the privilege of carrying the bone around every Friday from then on, "It's something the senior players strive for when it's their year to receive the bone," said senior Cory Stidham. For each member of the football team, when they see the bone being passed around, it is a reminder of their victory.

## Go all the way

Overall

Many teams work as individuals, but volleyball isn't a sport where that is possible. There are always six girls trying to blend their skills for the team to flow. The girls start conditioning in the summer and are together almost everyday until sectionals. The team ended the season 21-9 overall and 5-7 in Conference. This nut them 4th in Conference. With that ranking the coaches were allowed to pick two first team all-conference players and one second team all-conference player. Senior Alyssa Van Horssen and sophomore Kelsey Bonewits won first team and senior Ali Pietrucha won second team. The team also voted on other awards. Van Horssen was voted Most Valuable Player, Pietrucha received Best Mental Attitude, and Bonewits was given Most Improved.

**Team bonding**"We had pasta night every week at my house," said sophomore Kelsev Bonewits. "It was a fantastic tradition and it made us closer as a team." This was one of many events that the team did together. With nine girls forced to be together and spend hours around each other, they need some hangout time. The girls are all different but they have to get along for the good of the team. The girls also were given a team bonding day by their coach, Kathy Dilbeck. The coach put together activities like blind-folded tag, eating a banana and try to whistle, and building a tower out of balloons. Another team bonding event was a team sleep over at senior Ali Pietrucha's house. The girls ate dinner, then hot tubbed, and later watched the movie Twilight where some girls fought about Team Edward and Team Jacob.

#### Lowell game

The Lowell game was the most amazing experience ever," said senior Amanda Zaborowski when asked about the highlight of her season. On Thursday, September 17, the Lowell team strutted into the main gym thinking the game would be an easy win. Little did they know that the Panthers would beat them in three games! After the first win the Panthers just thought that they got lucky. But then they won the second game, and the girls were getting excited. After the third game, the team was utterly baffled. They walked down the stairs after the game and screamed with joy. "I was so excited since it was the first time for us as seniors to win a game against the Lowell Red Devils," exclaimed Zaborowski.

#### Sectionals

Griffith's sectional was held at Rensselaer. The girls were given the bye for the first game so they had all of Fall Break to prepare for the big match. "The break worked out great for us because we had time to really focus on volleyball and volleyball only," said junior Sam Marker. But once Saturday, October 24 rolled around the team was ready to show others their skills.

The first game was against Rensselaer. They won the first two games, but lost the next. They then came back and won the last game. This victory advanced the team to the sectional finals against

Before the game, the team went to a small restaurant. Afterwards, they went on a trip to Walmart for an adventure, while the tired girls staved in the bus and napped. When the bus returned to Rensselaer High School there was still some down time, so they played sardines. After their fun, the team began warming up and getting ready for the game. At 7 P.M. the game started, and Griffith came out fighting. They tried very hard, but they lost in three games. Griffith scored the most on them in the whole sectional,



Griffith Varsity Volleyball

Conference 5-7 Overall 21-9

Merrillville 3-0 W East Chicago 3-0 W Whiting 3-0 W Hammond 3-0 W Munster 3-01 Andrean 3-2 L Hobart 3-11 Morton 3-0 W Highland 3-2 W KV 3-2 W I nwell 3-0 W KV Tournament 2-1 L Griffith Tournament 3-0 W Munster 3-0 L Andrean 3-1 L Gavit 3-0 W Hohart 3.0 W Calumet 3-0 W Highland 3-1 L KV 3-1 W Lowell 3-1 L

Sectionals Rensselaer 3-1 W Knnx 3.0 I

Bishop Noll 3-0 W

Junior Varsity Overall 12-6

> Freshmen Overall 11-14

#### Serve it up

Completely in the zone, sophomore Stacie Hansen tries to serve an ace "I always felt a little intimidated and nervous being one of the youngest on the team, but serving is the only thing I was not nervous about," said Hansen. This was Hansen's first year on the varsity team





Heart to heart Before every game, the volleyball team came together to do an inspiring volleyball prayer. "I want my teammates to play with their hearts," said Coach Kathy Dilbeck. This is Dilbeck's fourth vear coaching.

#### AAA

The seniors were really good leaders and we were considered the core of the team," said senior Alyssa Van Horssen. There were three seniors on the volleyball team this year: Ali Pietrucha, Amanda Zaborowski, and Alyssa Van Horssen. They called themselves AAA.



To prove they are dedicated, freshmen Sarah Galambos Sarah Kuna, and Manon Carter went to a volleyball conditioning at Wicker Park. "Conditioning this summer helped prepare me for the long season," explained Galambos.





Row I: Alyssa Van Horssen, Samantha Marker, Stacie Hanse Row 2: Regina Hope, Britney Sanders, Ali Pietrucha, Kathy Dilbeck, Kelsey Bone-







Michelle Lesniewski, Rachel Fogarty Row 2: Melissa Millar, Amelia Morales, Jan Klapak, Michelle Sopetti, Jianni Rivera



Waiting for the opponent to serve the ball, junior Britney Sanders stares in anticipation. "I am always concentrated and determined when it comes to volleyball, but in real life, I'm a klutz," said Sanders.

#### Brick house

With determination in her eyes, iunior Lindsay Sopetti attacks the ball in attempt to get a block. "I definitely could improve on my blocking," said Sopetti. "I'm looking forward for next year to dominate at the net."





Row I: Destiny Barajas, Melissa Martinaz, Stacy Webar, Ciarra Kroslack, Caylae Row 2: Emily Mitchaltrea. Taylor Backe, Cassie Holmes, Sarah Kuna, Sarah



### Goooooooal!

page by: Nick Bobowski and Kaitlyn Herron

#### Seniors

Every team needs strong leadership, and this team had a lot of it. This year, the varsity boys' soccer team had 13 returning seniors. Of those returning players, nine of them were starters from the year before. The team had high expectations. "Going into the season our goals were set very high, but during the season, unfortunate circumstances happened so that we were unable to attain our goals," said senior Shawn Siokos.

#### **High Points**

Forsenior Josh Chavez, the game against Andrean was a highpoint of the season. "It was one of the biggest games of the year and we won without [senior Ryan] Voges," said Chavez. He also added, "We haven't beat Andrean in four years."

Another highpoint of the season was the game against Portage. "It was the first time I started in a varsity game, and their team ended up being regional champs this year. We played really well without some of our key players, and we still won two to one," said junior Josh Kisfalusi.

#### **Awards**

Matt Plawcki is a senior varsity player who has many accomplishments this year. He won the all-district award for the past two years and won all-state honorable mention his senior year, despite having injuries most of the season. "I won first team all-conference 1st team all-district. I was really proud of myself. I felt like it was a good way to end my senior soccer season," said Plawcki.

Also, seniors Johnny Kantor and Nick Bobowski won first team all-conference, senior Shawn Siokos won second team all-conference, and Josh Chavez won all-conference honorable mention. The team was also the winners of the Danville Tournament.

#### Struggles

Throughout the season in any sport, there are casual injuries, but for the boys' soccer team, there were many. This caused numerous struggles for the team. Key players had injuries that caused them to miss practices or sit out at important games. One team member with an injury this year was senior Kyan Voges. "Hore my ACL and meniscus at the Andrean game, which made me unable to play for most of the season," said Voges.

#### Sectionals

Coming into sectionals, the team had very high expectations for themselves. They had only lost one game with their line-up that they would be using for sectionals. They had also beat the *Times* favorite Andrean earlier in the season and were the darkhorse in the paper.

Merrillville was the first game of Sectionals for the team. It was a slow start for the Panthers, going down 1-0 early against their sectional rivals, but then senior Matt Plawecki dribbled down the center of the field and drilled a missile shot into the back of the net to the tie game at 1-1. Shortly after, senior Nikolia Pupac took a free kick from about 25 yards out. He caught the goalie off guard, and he deflected the ball into the back of the net. After a short time of play, he would strike again to take a 3-1 lead. Griffith gave up a late goal but held onto the lead to win the first round.

The game against Andrean was a tough one for Griffith who went down early to the favored Andrean. Andrean was winning until senior Shams Siokis scored a header goal to tie the game at 1-1 right before halftime. Then Andrean came back in the second half firing, and Griffith couldn't get anything going. Andrean would take the game 3-1 and the class of 2010 was now done.

"I thought we played as a team overall in the first round, but in the second game of sectionals, we gave up some goals and lost the confidence and spirit we needed to win," said senior Zach Kisfalusi.



Varsity Boys' Soccer

Conference 4-2 Overall 13-4-1

Highland 2-1 W

Morton 4-1 W
Hobart 9-2 W
Andrean 3-2 W
Mooresville 11-0 W
Danville 0-0 (5-4) W
Munster 5-1 L
Laporte 5-0 W
Hanover Central 5-0 W
Kankakee Valley 2-1 L
Portage 2-1 W
Bishop Noll 3-1 L
Lowell 2-1 W
Clark 1-1 T
Gavit 8-0 W
Wheeler 5-1 W

Sectionals Merrillville 3-2 W Andrean 3-1 L

Junior Varsity Overall 10-2-1





Kristen Pospych

#### Huddle Up

Before every game, the team huddles together to discuss the game plan. "We were preparing for the game and getting each other pumped up for the first game of the season," said senior Nikola Pupac.

#### Out of no where

Coming into the season, senior Jake Long did not expect to get much playing time during the season in big games. "I ended up starting every game this season and playing for most of them. My teammates made this season unforgettable," said Long.

#### Jugalina

There are many ways to warm up before soccer games. Senior Omar Quintanilla goes on the field alone, away from his team and gets touches on the ball. "I was juggling to warm up for the game," said Quintanilla.





#### Tradition

It is a tradition to line up and to be announced for starting lineups in a varsity soccer game. It is sophomore Justin Turner's first time lining up. "We line up on the line, and the National Anthem is played before the game starts," said Turner.

#### Senior stud

Senior Matt Plawecki dribbles the ball past defenders down the sideline. "No one on the other teams can stop me. When I have the ball, it's game over," said Plawecki. Matt ended his senior season with 16 goals and 7 assists.



Row 1: Zach Kısfalusı, Jake Long, Nick Kudybe, Justin Turner, Josh Kısfalusı Siokis, Steven Gronkiev

Row 2: Jeckson Buzea, Mett Mercer, Nick Bobowski, Matt Plawecki, Ryan Voges, Johnny Kantor, Ryan Avelos, Joey Vaclavik Row 3: Karl Koch, Omar Quntanilla, Kyle Terpstra, Ron Knestrict, Nikola Pupec, Josh

Chavez Wally Kudyba



Row 1: Josh Ashenbaugh, Al-Monteser Hassan, Nick Kudyba, Andrew Rothchild Josh Kısfelusi, Steven Gronkiewicz, Khristian Avala

Row 2: Justin Turner, Joey Vaclavik, Jordan Gonzalez, Gera Solis, Ryan Avalos, Thomes Kudyba

Row 3: Karl Koch, Garret Walter, Tim O'Shaughnessy, Ryan Fisch, Zachery Bozinovich, Steven Sharp, Wally Kudyba



#### Get loose

Seniors Kyle Terpstra and Johnny Kantor stretch out before the big game against Highland. "My knee was bugging me, so I was trying to get it loose for the big game," said Terpstra. Many of the boys had injuries throughout the season, so it was important for everyone to make sure they were warmed up and stretched before each game.

#### Rivalry game

Clearing the ball out of defensive area, senior Kyle Terpstra. along with his teammates, work together to keep their lead against their rival Highland. One of Terpstra's teammates, senior Jackson Buzea said. "Winning this game was a good way to start off the season. It was important that we all played our best and worked together."



Row I: Samantha McInerney, Taylor Steffan, Natalie Aguilera, Cassie Christenson, Cindy McInerney, Teresa Castellanos

Row 2: Anna Schell. Megan Wilbert, Kristen Pospychala, Raquel Mazur, Sara McInerney, Katelyn Barta, Meghan Macak, Arny Russell

Row 3: Kaitlyn Sudac, Lauren Hansen, Shanlynn Bias, Sarah Hurdish, Brianna Bias,



Row I: Mandi Clark, Lisa Kurpela, Christy Anzur, Cartlin Brown, Cartlin Christenson Stephanie DiSanto, Shi Fassoth

Row 2: Abagail Grabos, Rosse Quintanilla, Stephanie Younker, Janelle Owczarzak, Juliana Duvnjak, Alejandra Telliaz, Cristina Aldape, Fernanda Bugarin, Jesse Yarnelle, Ellen Johnson, Jeanette Salazar

Row 3: Brooke Pospychala, Kalie Lastagarkov, Ashley Noojin, Laura Hurdish, Brittany Maglish, Krystal Mendoza, Ashley Brown

#### Block itl

Adrenalized and a bit nervous, junior Sarah Hurdish is ready to stop the other team's attempts from scorring. "It felt really good after I made big hulk saves; but I was a little nervous when we played Hobart because it was my first really big game." said Hurdish.



Mandi Cla

#### Outrunning the Bearcats

Sprinting down the field, senior Lauren Hansen tries to keep the ball from the other team. "My favorite thing about soccer this year was that we won a lot of big games that we weren't expected to win." said Hansen.

#### Throw high

Rarely seen without her uniform on, senior Rachel Cooper throws the ball to her teammate, senior Meghan Macak. 'It was a great feeling winning conference this year and having a really good record," said Cooper.

#### Coming to an end

Enjoying one of her last high school soccer games, senior Raquel Mazur plays with all of her energy. "High school soccer has been an adventure. It been rough but also fun. I'm going to miss all my JV girls through the years. Best of luck!" said Mazur.









#### Run, kick, score

Ready to win the game against Wheeler, senior Shanlynn Bias kicks the ball with determination. "My best memory is when we played Highland because they underestimated us, and we beat them for conference champs," said Bias.

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#### An unknown territory

e to win some sort of championship, with the hope to go farther than the previous years. For the first time ever in history, the girls' soccer team won the conference championship. This team accomplished something that no other team in Griffith had done before. With an exceptional record of 14-1-1, the girls knew they wanted to make history. From conditioning in the summer to their last minutes on the field, the girls sweat, practiced, and played with determination, "We practiced hard, and as a captain. I made sure they had their minds in the game. The team knew what we had to get done, so we stepped up for all the important games, stayed concentrated, and played as one. I was sad to have the season end the way it did but very happy because of what we accomplished," said senior Carissa Ouintero.

#### Barta breaks records

Along with winning the conference champion title, the team had even more accomplishments this season. One in particular was iunior Katelyn Barta breaking the school record for scoring the most goals during the season. She also tied the record for scoring the most goals in the area. Last year, Barta broke the school record for scoring 28 goals, but this year she even broke her own record with a total of 30 goals. "It feels great to break a record twice. That was definitely one of my goals to achieve in high school, and I'm glad all the hard work paid off. I couldn't have done it without the encouragement and help from my teammates," said Barta.

#### Rookies

he junior varsity team did a lot of team bonding activities for all the players to get closer. One in particular was when they went to Sanfrantello's and then camped out in [sophomore] Aleiandra's [Tellez] backyard. Then they TPed their coach's house afterwards. Through the season, they worked hard and beat teams that they haven't been able to beat. Beating highland for the first time in two years was a great achievement for the team. "I really enjoyed this season. Being the captain was a great experience and the girls listened to me and the other captains. I am going to miss the team the most, though, because I got close with a lot of my teammates," said junior Laura Hurdish.

#### Out of the ordinary

Not even alue is as strong as the bond of siblings that played on this team. This year, there was an unusual amount of sisters: five sets. The Bias', Pospychala's, Hurdish's, Brown's, and the McInerney's made up eleven members of the varsity and junior varsity. It is not common to have siblings on the same team, nor is it to have so many, "Sometimes my sister and I fight if it is during a drill that isn't going our way but not really during games. I love playing on the same team with her because we go through the same things, and I love being able to talk to her about everything," said senior

"My sister and I fight all the time, we hit each other a lot, but I love playing on the same team with her because we have a connection that is more than just teammates. We understand each other and I always love having someone to talk to," said sophomore Brianna Bias.



Sara McInemey, 12

Varsity Soccer

Conference 5-1 Overall 14-1-1

Hammond 11-0 W

Hobart 2-1 L Bishon Noll 4-0 W Andrean 8-1 W Munster 1-0 W Merrillville 8-0 W KV 3-2 W Crown Point 2-0 W Lowell 6-1 W Gavit 6-0 W Morton 0-0 T Hebron 6-1 W Highland 4-0 W Hanover Central 8-0 W Chesterton 2-1 W Wheeler 4-1 W

> Sectionals Merrillville 6-0 W Hobart 4-31

Junior Varsity Overall 5-3-1

# One extra mile

page by: Dylan Etheridge

#### Goin' for gold

This year Griftith Cross Country girls made their way through sectionals, regionals, and semi-state. Only one girl made it to state. On her first year on the team, freshman Taylor Justin placed thirty-fifth at state out of one hundred ninety-four runners. "The hardest thing about the race for me was how muddy it was and that it was really cold out," said Austin.

#### Pasta parties!

All sports have traditions, whether it's going out and hanging with the team or getting together inside and relaxing. One tradition the cross country team has is a pasta party. "We have pasta parties so we can have starch in our bodies, which gives us more energy," said sophomore Nathan Bailey. The whole team goes over to one of the team member's house before that week's meet and enjoys tasty pasta, plays games, and hangs our

#### Running for a reason

Every year the cross country team goes to Chicago to watch a marathon. The team members like to go because they want to support a previous cross country coach, Mr. Govert. Mr. G., as the team calls him, was the cross country coach four years ago. "It's fun to watch the runners, and we go to support Mr. G.," said senior Anne Scheffel. The team goes to every checkpoint to see how he does.

#### Camping at Indiana Dunes . .



..2009



James Burch, 12
Griffith Griffith
Girl's Boy's
Cross Cross
Country Country

Conference Conference 1-5 0-6 Overall Overall 3-5 2-6 Munster Munster 37-18 L 40-15 L Lowell Lowell 33-221 Morton Morton 17-58 W 16-66 W Fast Fast Chicago Chicago 17-95 W 16-39 W Highland Highland 24-33 L 21-39 L Hohart Hohart 21-34 W 20-41 L Kankakee Kankakee Valley Valley 21-391 19-39 [ Andrean Andrean

Sectionals Sectionals
3rd 5th
Regionals Regionals
4th 10th
Semi-State

25-30 L

13th State Taylor Austin 35th

31-26 L





Kelly

Stride to victory

Taking a long stride, senior Chrissy Leslie runs to finish her race. "Oak Ridge Prairie is one of the hardest places to run for me because we have to run up the hill three times," said Leslie.



#### Just around the corner

Running around the pond at Oak Ridge Prairie, freshman Taylor Austin hurries to stay ahead. "The practices in cross country are what I like the most" said Austin.

#### Going over

Crossing over a bridge at Oak Ridge Praire, junior Robert Gonzales runs to victory. "The hardest things about cross country is learning to pace yourself throughout the race," said Gonzales.



Row 1: Natalie Drach, Lindsay Meece, Anne Scheffel, Robyn Williams, Samantha Aguilai Row 2: Jeffrey Tinich, Christine Leslie, Dan Rodriguez, Joel Kepchar, Allison Meece. Timothy Bullard

Row 3: Shannon Scheidel, Ryan Zubrick, James Burch, Nathan Bailey, Maggie Leslie





#### Across the finish line

Tired and exhausted, sophomore Ryan Zubrick crosses the finish line. "I like cross country because I enjoy running," said Zubrick.

#### GO!

Facing Andrean at Oak Ridge Pairie, the Griffith Girls Cross Country team runs to get the front of the pack. "The start of the race is just as important as the end. Getting a good start is a key to winning," said senior Lindsay Meece.





Row I: Alexis Morikis, Sara Brouillete, Mike



#### Hole in one!

On the practice green, juniors Sara Brouillete and Alexis Morikis practice before they tee off. Keep your head up high and don't let the little things bother you," said Brouillette. Brouillette tells her teammates this every match.

#### Relax time

Watching her teammates and other golfers tee off, junior Alexis Morikis rests against her golf bag. "I was thinking about my next shot and what club to use," said Morikis



Maggie Butkus

#### What's next?

Coach Mike Worosz helps each girl out with what club to use or where to go next before they tee off. Junior Sara Brouillette discusses what club to use and what direction would be good to hit it at. "I always tell the girls what club or where to hit before teeing off," said Worosz.

#### Putting it in

Being a freshman on a varsity team is hard, but freshman Ann Ficht caught on very fast. Ficht walked off the green happy to tee off. "At one match I got second best on the team. It made me feel good about myself," said Ficht.





Hitting the ball and ending in great form, freshman Jillian Holtzer watches where her ball will land. "I like being on the course because the upper classmen and other teams give me tips," said Holtzer.

#### How far did it fly?

Golfing for nine years, freshman Ann Ficht still is practicing her swing and form. "I'm happy that Coach Worosz told me about the team because I enjoy being on it,"said Ficht.





# Teeing o

nage by-Ellison Culler

#### New year, new things

rear was a tough one for the girls because there were only four of them on the team. Most varsity teams have five or more girls, and they drop the highest score. Not this year, All four scores, good or bad, had to be taken into account. "When I got to the first practice and saw there were only four girls, my first thought was that we had to work hard to keep our scores good, and we did it," said junior Sara Brouillette

Last year there were a lot of seniors that graduated, so this left the team this year to consist of only two juniors and two freshman. That means they spent a lot of their practices teaching the freshman how to play correctly. "Even though this wasn't my first year playing golf, I learned a lot more about the game," said freshman Ann Ficht.

#### Wake up call

Waking up at six in the morning five days a week to get practice wasn't easy for every girl. "I hated waking up that early, but it helped improve my game," said junior Alexis Morikis.

At practices, the girls would work hard but still have funny moments. "The other girls and I were walking to the next hole, and there was puddle, so we did Harry Potter wizard moves," said junior Sara Brouillette.

Some ways they worked to get their game better were going to the driving range, practice putting a lot, and going on the green.

#### Freshies

Usually, being a freshman on varsity is difficult because most people have been there for a few years. There were only two upper classmen. Freshmen Jillian Holtzer and Ann Ficht made varsity golf. There wasn't enough for a junior varsity team, so all the girls that came out made varsity. "This year was interesting; I learned a lot from everybody. The juniors on the team were mentors to me," said Holtzer.

#### Overall 2-7 Highland 222-296 L Munster 204-288 L Inwell 217- 288 I

Varsity

Girls

Golf

Conference

0-6

KV 216-271 I Hobart 239-271 L Bishop Noll 252-256 W Bishop Noll 245-258 W

Lowell 244-190 L Clark 244-260 W

Sectionals Hammond 7-9 L

#### High School Student | Golf Member Question

# What is an

iron?

What is a

birdie?

"The silver part of the golf club," said senior Taylor

"Something that flies high in the







Falcon.

"To divide something into pieces," said sophomore Jeremy Camp.

What is an eagle?

"Our nation's beautiful symbol of freedom." said senior Jackson Buzea.

"The club that has the metallic blade for the club head," said junior Sara Brouillette

"When you make the ball in the hole one shot less than par." said junior Alexis Morkis

"The piece of turf that comes off after you hit the ball." said freshman Jillian Holtzer.

"When you hit the ball two less shots than par," said freshman Ann Ficht.

Row 1: Donny Hoover, Justin Phillips, Greg Rothchild, Jordan Long, Ross Myers, Row 2: Brian Little, Michael Lanfear, Matthew Corlett, Coach Tracy Sines, Ted

#### Double trouble

Having a decent overall year, senior Matt Corlett laughed about his season with senior Kyle Carter. "Before one match Kyle and I punched each other in the stomach to get pumped up," Corlett said.

Fitzgerald, James Steinhubel, Kyle Carter

#### Making a few adjustments

Playing a sport for the first time with a new partner is the hardest change a player has to make. "It was Matt's first year playing doubles and we improved by the end of the season," senior Kyle Carter said.

#### Serve it un

Gearing up for a sweet ace, senior Michael Lanfear discusses his best moment, "It was awesome when we placed second at the Crown Point tournament for my senior year," he said.



Amanda Zaborowsk



#### Slam it down

Aggressively hitting a wicked serve, senior Brian Little commented, "My funniest moment was when I lead the break down before matches. I yelled 'Silly rabbit,' and the whole team yelled 'Trix are for kids!"









Being one of the only freshmen on a varsity team can be intimidating. But freshman Jordan Long didn't feel any pressure, "Being a freshman on varsity was really exciting. Everyone was really funny

and supportive." He's number one

Eagerly waiting to return a serve, senior Justin Phillips reflected on his season. "The best moment of the season was coming back from being a set down againt Bishop Noll and winning it in the end."



Varsity Boy's Tennis

Conference 0-6 Overall 5-14

Wheeler 5-0 I

Portage 5-0 L Rensselaer 4-1 W Crown Point 5-0 I Calumet 3-2 W FC Central 5-0 W Highland 5-0 L Lake Station 4-1 W KV 3-2 I Lowell 4-1 L Andrean 4-1 I Hohart 4-1 I Morton 3-2 W Munster 5-0 L Bishop Noll 3-2 L

> Sectionals Highland 4-1 L

Gavit 3-2 L

River Forest 3-2 L

Calumet 3-2 L

# Game, set, and match!

page by Stephanie Brandner and Melissa Miller

Working the kinks out

Sports can be either the most exciting experience of a high school athlete's life or the most frustrating. Many athletes hide their emotion by walking it off, but senior Michael Lanfear took a different approach, "The funniest moment on the team was when Michael Lanfear broke his racket against Bishop Noll," said Lanfear's doubles partner, senior Brian

Laughing on the court

When teammates were in the midst of a fierce practice. there were always the moments that lightened up the mood. Whether senior Brian Little was cracking a joke or there was an epic swing and miss stroke, the laughs couldn't be stopped. "I remember when [sophomore] Ted Fitzgerald got drilled in the face at practice. It really wasn't that funny at the time, but it's funny to look back on because he fell over." freshman Jordan Long said.

Starting from scratch

Although the 2009 boys' tennis season didn't go as well as some had hoped, there's still a positive outlook on next year's season. The tennis team is only losing five seniors and the majority of the team were underclassmen. "I had a lot of hilarious moments this past season, and now I can't wait for next year's season. We have a lot of returning players, and we're going to be tough to beat," sophomore Donny Hoover

Down but not out

t's the third set and you're down 3-0. While other teams would have thrown down their rackets and given up, seniors Kyle Carter and Matt Corlett pushed their hearts to the limits and defied the odds. "The best moment was when Kyle and I made a huge three-set comeback against Calumet. That win was important because it set the tone for sectionals "Corlett said.



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#### Back to back sectionals

Many high school athletes dream about winning a sectional championship at least one time in their high school career. But winning back-to-back sectional championships is an entirely different story. This year, the Lady Pamhers made GHS history by winning back to back sectional titles. The girls won the sectional title by defeating Kankakee Valley and going on to beat Knox in the championship game. "It was a phenomenal feeling to be back-to-back champs," said junior Ashley Parish. "We knew what we had to do make history and we got it done." After sectionals, the Lady Panthers continued in their post season run, cutting down the nets once again, but were defeated in semi-state.

#### Final four

Reaching the final four in any sport is a great accomplishment and goal of all sports teams. For the Griffith girls' basketball team, their goals for the entire season were to have a winning record, win sectionals, win regionals, advance to the final four, and eventually the state championship game. The girls' dreams were cut short, losing to Fort Wayne Concordia in the semi-state game, 54-36. "Reaching semi-state was a great accomplishment and I think the whole town was very proud of us," said junior Samantha Marker. The Lady Panthers ended up with a winning record, again capturing a sectional title and net, along with a regional title. This was the first trip to the final four since 2001 when the team also lost in semi-state. "It felt good to end the regional title drought," said sophomore Kelesy Bonewits.

#### Seniors in college

This season there were three seniors on the Lady Panthers basketball team: Lauren Hansen, Shanlynn Bias, and Stephanie Negrete. Because of their athletic abilities and hardwork throughout their four years of high school, they all received athletic schoolarships. Hansen will be playing basketball at Indiana University South Bend, Bias will be playing basketball at St. Mary's College in South Bend, and Negrete is going to Western Michigan for reach and field. "We have had a good run playing together since AAU in elementary school," Bias said. "We are sad it is over but excited for our new adventures."

#### I gotta feeling

The Black Eyed Peas song "I Gotta Feeling" was a song that meant a lot to the Lady Panthers basketball team. Assistant coach Jack Gabor played the song for the girls between the morning and night regional championship game. The girls all believe that they could defect a Gavit and capture the title. "All of us were dancing and singing I Gotta Feeling' and 'Imma Be'," said junior Presley Corich. "The song came on during warm-ups and the other team tried to dance and act like it was going to be their night, and it was ours," Corich said. The team continued listening to these songs, and did right until they ran out of the locker room to warm up for the semi-state game. "We were late to run out against [Fort Wayne] Concordia," laughed Corich.



Griffith Varsity Basketball Conference

> 4-2 Overall 19-6

Lake Central 60-48 W River Forest 72-39 W Hobart 46-36 L Morton 53-20 W Clark 74-15 W Hebron 47-28 W Rensselaer 52-18 W Andrean 56-40 L Munster 53-30 W Hobart 49-46 I Wheeler 45-26 W Portage 46-26 W Gavit 53-49 I Highland 46-18 W Gary West Side 5449 L I nwell 51-29 W East Chicago 48-39 W Hammond High 57-20 W

Sectionals Kankakee Valley 46-28 W Knox 53-35 W

Calumet 61-38 W

Regionals Benton Central 45-35 W Gavit 34-21 W

Semi-State Ft. Wayne Concordia 54-36 L





Fast feet

In order to get around her Concordia offender, junior Samantha Marker shuffles her feet while maintaining her defensive position. "Their dribblers were really fast and could get into the lane, so we wanted to stop that," said Marker. Patiently waiting for the point guard to call a play, junior Ashley Parish stands next to her Highland defender. "The Highland game was a great win because we haven't beaten them for a long time," said Parish.

#### JUMPI

In order to shoot over her defender senior Shanlynn Rias elevates into her shot. "It was a hard loss, but we made it that far so we should be very proud of ourselves," said Bias, referring to the Lady Panther loss to Ft. Wayne Concordia in semi-state.





Row 1: Lauren Hansen, Samantha Keys, Melissa Mille Row 2: Alyssa Gebo, Presley Corich, Hannah Hack, Samantha Markar, Brooka Brinkley

Row 3: Shanlynn Bias, Brianna Bias, Kelsey Bonawits, Ashley Parish, Stephanie Negreta



Row I: Brianna Nelson, Samantha Keys, Vanessa Blankenship Row 2: Emily Witvoet, Emma Blackard, Taylor Austin,

Brooka Brinkley, Sammi Adams, Malissa Miller Row 3: Alyssa Gebo, Brianna Bias, Kelsey Bonawits, Ashley Thomas, Janassa Salinas





#### Pumped up

Blood pumping and adrenalized for a big rivalry game, senior Stephanie Negrete stands face to face with her opponent for tip-off. "I was so excited for the Highland game because I really wanted to beat them, and we did," said Negrete.



#### D' wins championships

Watching her Ft. Wayne Concordia opponent carefully, senior Lauren Hansen gets low and in her defensive stance. "Defense is a very important part of basketball and a major contributor to our semi-state loss," said Hansen. The Lady Panthers lost to Concordia 54-36 at Northridge Gymnasium in Elkhart, Indiana.





Row I: Tyrell Tinnin, Ed Johnson, John Vinson, Jackson Buzea Row 2: Jacques Frank, Jacob Evanich, Jonathan Acevedo, Peter Sepulveda.

Row 3: Stephanie Brandner, Jeff McClanahan, Calvin Bonewits, Brian Brilmyer,

Kyle Terpstra, Justin Fronek, Amanda Bakko



Row I: Josh Ashenbaugh, Anton Calvert, Garrett Litke, Robert Fleischman Row 2: Austin Foster, Josh Chalifoux, Andrew O'Brien, Richie Zakrzewski, Jacob

Row 3: Robert Szabo, Daniel Miller, Steven Fry, Jonathan Acevedo, James Steinhubel





Row I: Jordan Gonzalez, Brandon Gale, Joseph Golub, Jesse Smith Row 2: Brandon Siska, Jack Kessey, Ben Parish, Austin Brown, Brian Fogarty



Pre-game intimidation Our pre-game was pretty fierce and it made every team feel intimidated. It was a key factor in our success," said senior Jackson Buzea. The pre-game was a long established tradition, and Buzea led the warm ups before every game since his freshman year.

#### Triple threat position

As a four year starter on the varsity basketball team, senior Jacob Evanich has a lot of funny memories at away games. "My favorite memory on a bus ride to an away game would have to be [senior] Jackson Buzea's dirty drawings," said Evanich.





Lock down defense In the Northwest Crossroads Conference, the basketball team came in second behind the Munster Mustangs. The Panthers played the Hobart Brickies for a conference game and senior Peter Sepulveda said, "We're cool as the other side of the pillow. No conference game is nerve-wracking for us."



#### Taking control

Senior leadership can make or break a team. Senior Brian Brilmver was not only a post player, but he also took charge of handling the ball at key moments, "I'll miss being able to play with all of my friends everyday, twenty-four seven," said Brilmver.

#### Deny, deny, deny

The boys basketball team traveled to Hobart High School to beat the Brickies 61-47. "I was guarding that kid and shaking and baking, and I dominated him all game," said senior Kyle Terpstra after quarding a Hobart Brickie player to deny him the lane.



Griffith Varsity Boy's Baskethall Conference 5-1

> Overall 14-8

Whiting 65-37 W Clark 71-40 W Crown Point 69-621 55-46 W

65-50 L 74-50 1

70-63 L Munster 68-45 I

Rensselaer Central 72-59 W Bishop Noll 69-53 L KV 69-52 W Lake Station 49-36 W

Sectionals Knnx 48-36 W Andrean 69-53 L



Morton 47-43 W Highland 62-45 W Hobart (tourney)

Wheeler (tourney) Hanover Central

Hohart 61-47 W Lowell 71-62 W Gavit 47-46 W Andrean 67-51 W East Chicago Central

Hammond 68-46 L Calumet 78-64 W

## Power house team

page by: Stephanie Brandner and Nick Bobowski

#### We are family

Bonding is a crucial part of a great team. It enables a team to become one and to make playing come more naturally. Spending time together helps teammates trust one another and helps communication improve. "The team bonding was always hilarious. We have a lot of jokes, and it made it even harder to see the seniors leave, because we were all so close," said junior Ed Johnson. The boys basketball team frequently went to each others houses and had pasta nights before every conference game. Before sectionals, the team went to Bridges Scoreboard to help everyone get comfortable and feel like a family.

#### Dress for success

Many sports teams here at GHS have to dress up on game days. The boy's basketball team took to wearing dress pants and the ever popular sweater vests on game days, "Sweater vests were a way to not only look fine, but it was our team's good luck ritual," said junior Calvin Bonewits. Not only did the team look suave off of the court, but their warm ups had a style all their own. The warm ups consisted of a white shooting shirt and black and gold striped

'We looked like some beasts in the warm ups. When you look good you play good, and let's just say that we looked very good," said junior Richie Zakrzewski.

#### Big headed seniors

Every high school athlete dreams about the glory of senior night. Senior night for the boys basketball team was on February 19th against Kankakee Valley. On the special night, the seniors received head shots of themselves that were quadruple the size of their actual picture. Along with the giant head shots, the seniors also received a gift bag and a balloon. "I drove my picture around in my car for awhile to freak people out and my dad really wanted to keep it so he has it now," said senior Jacques Frank.

'My wife decided to do the head shots for the boys because we thought it would be a nice little keepsake for them," said head coach Justin Fronek. The seniors on the basketball team consisted of John Vinson, Jackson Buzea, Jacob Evanich, Jacques Frank, Kyle Terpstra, Brian Brilmyer, Peter Sepulveda and the manager Kara Buchholz. The Panthers won their senior night 69-52.

#### College bound

Everyone knows that college is expensive. Receiving a scholarship for a sport can help lessen the expenses of college. Senior Brian Brilmyer was one lucky player to receive a scholarship to go to Calumet College and play basketball. "I'm definitely looking forward to going to Cal College. I can't wait to play better competition and get better as a player," said Brilmyer.



# 7, 8... P-ettes!

#### Sorry I can't, I have Pantherettes..

The Pantherettes have to practice as much as any other team. They started practicing in May 2009 for the upcoming year. For ten months out of the year the Pantherettes are practicing five times a week anywhere from three to four hours. The amount of hours that the girls practice adds up to the same amount of hours there are in one month and two days. During the Pantherette season, the girls' lives are mostly dedicated to practicing and performances, with little time for other activities. "We have practice almost everyday. I always have to plan everything I do around Pantherettes. I don't know how many times I've had to tell someone I can't do something because I have Pantherette practice or a competition," said junior Nelisa Caraballo. Although Pantherettes is very time consuming, the dancers on the squad love the sport too much for it to be a problem, "Even though I'm always busy with Pantherettes, I love to dance with them and I enjoy all the time I spend with them. I really wouldn't have it any other way," said Caraballo.



To prove their dedication to their coach, the Pantherettes decided to incorporate the color purple into their wardrobe, nails, and even their hair. "Purple is the color that supports Miss [Teri] Calhoun's cancer. We wanted to incorporate that into our routine, to let her know that we care," said sophomore Mallory Baccino. The girls bought purple hip-hop shoes, purple gems for their jackets, and purple nail polish. The color purple wasn't only peaking out from their outfits but also from their hair. "A few girls were nervous to dve purple peek-a-boo's in their hair, but almost all of us ended up going through with it. It looked awesome at the competition because we intertwined the purple from our hair into the braid." said Baccino. The dving process took almost two hours. First, they had to bleach a strip of hair, which took about an hour, and then they had to apply the dye which took about 45 minutes. "We made a statement at state with our purple peek-a-boo's and I know I was really sad to see the season end," said Baccino.

#### Better together

The Pantherette team became a big group of sisters when they joined together many times for team bonding activities. Throughout the year the team did everything from staying at their coaches house to scavenger hunts and bonfires. "My favorite part about team bonding is that it makes the team close and sisterly. We stayed the night at Hanna's [Vrabely] grandma's house before regionals and talked all night. I remember before the Lowell football game we went to Rebecca's [Franker] house and played Apple Schmear. It was really messy because you hit apples with tennis rackets and they explode, but it was still fun and it's not something you do every day," said junior Kelly Jones.

#### Stepping stones

The team started off the year going to a different dance studio than the previous year, which was an adjustment that the older members had to get used to. The Pantherettes went to Origins Dance Academy which is located in the Crown Point Square. They hired a professional choreographer from California to teach them a hiphop routine, but he left the team with an unfinished dance, "We had to change our routine majorly four different times this year. It was stressful at times having to learn different choreography, but as a team we always pulled it together," said Franker. After two team members were injured, the girls had to change the formations of both the hip-hop and pom routines. "We had a girl from Purdue come help us change the things in our dances that weren't working out, and it helped us finally have a set routine," said Franker.















Competitions Munster: Hip Hop- 2nd place Kahler: Pom- 1st place Hip Hop- 2nd place Lake Central: Hip Hop- 2nd place Regionals: Pom-4th place Hip Hop-4th place State: Pom-6th place Hip Hop- 7th place



Celebrating the 75th anniversary game, the Pantherettes shake their poms to form "<3 75." "I love performing at football games because I love football season. It's one of the things I'm going to miss the most," said senior Kier Brinkley.



Hairspray happy

With tons of hair supplies in reach, Emily Gierman starts senior Rebecca Franker's hair. "Emily's really creative with our hair for hip-hop, but she uses so much hair spray and tons of bobby pins that hurt my head," said Franker.

#### Chin up!

Keeping her chin up and toes pointed, sophomore Sarah Clark does a high kick. The best thing about performing at basketball games is being able to show the school what we work hard for. We also always have to remember when we perform to keep our chins up and not to look at the crowd," said Clark.







#### Imma be on the next level High-fiving each other, sopho-

mores Mallory Baccino and Hanna Vrabely get set in their poses for the Pantherette hiphop routine. "Everytime we did our pose, we always did the same facial expression. mouthed 'I love you' to each other, and then we started laughing," said Vrabely.



Row 1: Jillian Dixon, Kelly Jones, Sara Winiecki, Sarah Clark, Nelisa Caraballo Row 2: Sarah Guistolisi, Kaitlyn Herron, Mallory Baccino, Rebecca Franker, Katie Mitchell, Angelina Oieda Row 3: Kier Brinkley, Vicki Solivais, Katie Bridges, Brooke Trueblood, Hanna Vrabely



#### Friday night football

Striking a pose for the halftime show, the Pantherettes dance to "Gonna be Startin Something" on the night of the 75th anniversary game. "Its hard to perform on nights that it has rained because we have to dance on the slippery. muddy field," said senior Angelina Oieda.



We are fierce Ending with adrenaline traveling through their veins, the Griffith Pantherettes hit their last motion. The Munster competition was the day after Turnabout and we had to get up at 5:30 A.M., so we were all kind of tired. We performed pom last, so I told everyone to keep up their energy and give it their all, " said senior Katie Mitchell



#### **Up**, ир, ир

After overcoming many obstacles this year, the Pantherettes performed with ease at their first competition. 1 was nervous the first time we performed at Munster, because it was a big competition. We all did our best, considering all the changes we made to our routine two weeks before this competition," said sophomore Vicki Solivais.



Bottoms up Performing a trick from the hiphop routine, senior Sara Winiecki keeps her balance. "It was kind of a difficult trick for the team to get in sync, but I think we performed it well, and it gave a cool hip-hop visual," said Winiecki.





Row 1: Jessica Breclaw, Trisha Monroe

- Row 2: Ashley Darrough, Taylor Long, Lakisha Hill
- Row 3: Jenny Lanfear, Kylee Ulm, Rebecca Basaleh, Crystal Vanwhite



Row 1: Sabrina Santos, Michelle Velez, Ellison Cullen, Kelsey Taylor Row 2: Aisha Darrough, Emily Witvoet, Morgan Dillon, Ailey Clark



#### The future of cheerleading

Before the big storm that put a delay on the football game and brought everybody into the fieldhouse, the little girls were doing the cheers they learned at the camp. "My favorite part of little girl's camp is seeing all the girls having a blast, said sophomore Emily Witvoet.





#### Going to new heights

Between the Junior Varsity and Varsity basketball game, the cheerleaders warm up for all of their stunts, "It helps to know what is going on before we get out there so that we will not drop stunts and look unprepared," said sophomore Jenny Lanfear.

Stunting is a habit

Ending the quarter cheer with a pyramid, junior Rebecca Rasaleh is the middle flyer of the stunt. "This stunt shows our strength in different ways because the middle stunt only has one girl holding it all," said Racalah





#### Yell it louder!

During time outs, the cheerleaders throw up stunts and do crowd cheers. "Out of all four years on this team, this year by far had the heet ctunte said senior Taylor long. Time out stunts are a way to get the crowd involved while the game is stopped.













# Keeping spirit

page by- Ellison Cullen

#### Little girls' camp

Little girl's cheer camp allows girls from preschool to sixth grade to experience what it is to be a cheerleader, "It gives the little girls in the community the opportunity to work one on one with older girls that they look up to," said Coach Amber Parsons.

These girls are divided by age groups, and taught cheer motions and dance steps. They also play fun games and learn silly chants. Throughout the week, they celebrate theme days, as well as participate in which groups has most spirit contest.

"The fun that they have at camp ignites a spark that draws them back," said Parsons, "Not only do these girls benefit from this experience, so do the cheerleaders," added Parsons.

Little girls' camp is their main fundraiser. But it is much more than raising money for their squad, "It is the opportunity to remember when they were little girls playing games with their idols. Some girls who want to teach get their first hand experience. I think one of the most important things they learn is about giving back to the community they live in," said Parsons.

#### Away we go

For most students summer means school is over, but not for the cheerleaders. They attended camp in July to learn new cheers and stunts. The camp was held at IUPUI in Indianapolis. Cheer camp allowed the girls to practice new routines, meet cheerleaders from other schools, and bond with their own squads, "It helped with team bonding because we got to get to know people on the squad better," said senior Taylor Long.

'We were pushed harder, because we had to compete with everyone else and learn harder stunts," said senior Trisha Monore, All their hard work paid off. Junior Varsity won first place in two competitions, Both squads were awarded the spirit stick. They also won awards for motions, stunting safety and the most outgoing squad.

#### New perspective

Practicing cheers and working on stunts brings back memories for Coach Joanna Tinich who once herself cheered for Griffith High School. A few years later, she now joins the coaching staff as alumni. "The experience that I brought to the team was that I knew the traditions that once were upheld and expected. I wanted to bring that back to the squad," said Tinich.

Coaching has its rewards, as well as, it challenges. "The most rewarding part of coaching is getting to know the individuals that make up the squad and seeing them grow throughout the year. Not only was I a mentor, but the girls taught me as well," said Tinich,

Cheer coaches set goals based on the potential that they see in their squads. "I feel they are capable of being an awesome team. My plans for them in the future are to make them stronger by challenging them to put in all their effort and to push themselves by giving it their all," said Tinich.

#### Becoming one

Supporting each other both on the ground and up in the air helps make the team become stronger. The cheerleaders bond together throughout the year in various ways. "Going to camp and spending time together was a great way to bond," said sophomore Morgan Dillon. Free stunt time at practice gives the girls the time that they need to express themselves and just goof off and have fun. "Our squad clicks, because we laugh and support each other," said Dillon. The stronger the squad the more trust the girls have to attempt harder routines.

"It is important for our team to bond together so that we can get more complex stunts," said junior Taylor Surowiec.



# Strikes towards state

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#### Moving up

"I felt like we really accomplished something because we were considered the underdogs and it was a surprise that we made it past sectionals." said sohpomore Elizabeth Kras. The girls' bowling team rolled their way through sectionals and regionals and qualified for semi-state for the second year in a row. At semi-state in South Bend, the girls' team placed twelfth out of fourteen. Some of the girls' bowlers believe that their accomplishments this year were a result of how close the team became.

"I felt like the team became really close throughout the season. When we had bowling meets, there was a lot of team support and it really motivated you to do better," said senior Jessica Burbridge.

#### Lasting impressions

One major goal of all high school athletes is simply to be remembered after they graduate. Whether it is a broken record or a state qualification, no one wants to just blend in to the endless sea of athletes that have played or competed for GHs. This year, three bowlers on the girls 'bowling team had their moment to stand out. Junior Courtney Koleski and sophomores Elizabeth Kras and Maggie Cartwright qualified individually for semi-state. "It took a lot of hard work to get to semi-state. I felt really accomplished and excited." said Cartwright. Koleski finished tenth at semi-state and advanced to state.

"I was calm at state because I had already advanced the first three weeks, so I was over the nerves," said Koleski. These girls have all successfully left their mark in the history of GHS sports.

#### Laughs off the lanes

The boys' bowling team had a successful year, but their season surely was not all serious. Every Wednesday night after meets, most of the boys' bowling team would go to Honer's restaurant with part of the Calumet team and Highland team. The rival teams would look forward to the night out no matter what the outcome of the meet was. After one meet at Plaza Lanes, junior Jeff Tinich was in a hurry and turned the wrong way in reverse out of an angled parking spot. He heard a crunch, and realized he had backed into a diesel truck. Nearly the whole boys' varsity bowling team watched this incident. "It was probably the stupidest thing I've seen in my entire life. Afterwards, Tinich's car was all mangled up and the trunk was open," said senior Eric Weber.

#### The mystery of bowling scores

Nearly anyone who is somewhat familiar with sports knows that there are four quarters in a football game. They would also probably know that in golf, the player with the least amount of strokes is the winner. The scoring of bowling meets, however, is a mystery to almost anyone who is not a competitive bowler. Two games are played each meet. In each game, there are five bowlers. The first bowler on one team bowls against the first bowler on the opposing team, the second bowler bowls against the second bowler on the opposing team, and so on. The winner between the two competitors earns one point. The team with a high series, which is the sum of all five scores, that is higher than the other team's high series cams five points. The team with the most points at the end of the meet is the winner.



Griffith Varsity Bowling

Conference Girls 8-3 Boys 8-3 Overall 16-6

Semi-State
Individual
Qualifiers
Courtney
Koleski, 11
Elizabeth
Kras, 10
Maggie
Cartwright,

State Individual Qualifier Courtney Koleski, 11





Please, 'spare' our biceps!
Deep in concentration, junior
Jeff Thinich gets ready to knock
down that last pin. 'For every
spare we missed at practice,
we had to do twenty pushus,
It was annoying because it was
completely irrelevant to bowling,' said Tinich.

#### Sesame Street smiles

Ready to bowl a strike, junior Chris Plucinski walks to the lane. Boys' practices were serious, but they still found time for laughs. "Practices got boring, so we gave each other Sesame Street nicknames to entertain each other," said Plucinski.

#### A game of focus

"Its really important to concentrate before you bowl because you have to be precise on hitting your mark," said junior Kyle Uylaki. The intense concentration at practice led the boys' bowling team to place fifth at regionals.







Row 1: Lucas Glass, Jeff Tinich, Dale Young, Kyle Uylaki Row 2: Jose Cisneros, Ryan McCoy, Eric Weber, Chris Plucinski



Row I: Cali Lemus, Brenda Banks, Miryea Cisneros, Tiffany Sanders, Maggie Cartwright

Row 2: Blaire Gearheart, Courtney Houser, Elizabeth Kras, Courtney Koleski, Courtney Hargis, Megan Gale

#### Practicing for perfection

Perfecting her form, junior Megan Gale bowls with the rest of the girls' team at Plaza Lanes. All of their hard work paid off when they unexpectedly made it to semi-state. "As a team, we went farther than we ever thought we would," said Gale.



#### Lounging at the lanes

Despite a few incidents at the lanes, sophomores Courtney Hargis and Elizabeth Kras are very close friends. "One time at practice, I picked up a ball from the ball rack and it slipped from my hands. The ball landed on Elizabeth's foot," said Hargis.



Row I: Miguel Valtierra, Dylan Moulesong, Joey Vaclavik Thomas Kudyba, Jordan

Eong, Stephen Dunon Row 2: Chris Pirtle, Garrett Waltar, Ethan Adams, Zach Pirtle, Jake Long, Gaba Sotres, Jake Andarson, John Morikis, Danny Bolda

Row 3: David Stokes, Nikola Pupac, Jimmy Burch, Christian Martinez, Nick Sharp, Nick Kudyba, Shannon Schiadal

Row 4: Jenna Berzy, Doug Prica, Greg Myers, Jeramy Starks, Zach Bozinovich, Matt



#### You've got this!

You've got this!

At sectional finals, junior Zach
Pirtle cheers for senior Jake
Long in the last leg of the 200
free relay. "I am going to miss
the seniors next year," said
Pirtle. "They were a huge inspiration for me for the past three
years."

#### Point your toes

Having multiple road blocks this year, senior Jake Anderson focuses on what he needs to do." I tore the supporting muscles in my ankle," said Anderson. Anderson will be attending Wabash College in the fall and be a member of the diving team.



Racusel Mazur

#### It's all about timing

"I'm used to big meets like sectionals since I swam at age group state," said freshman Danny Bolda. "I got my best times there too, even though it wasn't what I was aiming for, it was close enough."

#### Ready to kick butt!

T enjoy everything about swmming, even the four hour Christmas break practicest said junior Zach Bozinovich. Bozinovich dropped over 30 seconds this year in his combined events, and got his best times at sectionals, which was held at Crown Point High School.

#### Don't touch the baby oil!

Getting lathered up with a combination of baby oil and methanol, senior Dan Rodriguez prepares himself mentally for his sectional race. I ended up dropping time and got first in my 100 fly heat." said Rodriguez. "I'm going to miss the bus rides and being goofy with evervone."



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Boys Varsity Swimming

Conference

2-3

Overall

2.4

Munster

128 5-57 5 I

Hobart

126-54 W

ΚV

100-801

Merrillville

Wheeler

128-52 W

Gavit

150-49 W

West Side

150-14 W

Highland

108-78 L

Morton

105-78 L

115-70 W

Hammond

High

162-59 W

East Chicago

162-86 W

Calumet

130-5 W

Bishop Noll

89-12 W

Clark

89-12 W



Amanda Zaborowsk

# New faces in the pool Practice makes perfect, and that is a fact when it comes to freshman Stephen Dubon, 1 joined because I thought it would be exciting," said Dubon. "It was. I went from 32 seconds to 29 in my 60 free solit."

# Let's get down to business!

page by: Raguel Mazur

#### Season overview

Having eleven returning seniors this year set high expectations for the season. After finishing with a 10-4 record and 3-3 in conference last year, the boys wanted to come back and build on it. They achieved that goal with an 11-4 record and 2-3 in conference. The boys beat Lowell again this year, along with Merrillville, in a close ten-point meet. "Everyone dropped a lot of time, which was good because it was still the beginning of the season," said senior Nikolo Pupac. "The odds were against us. We didn't think we were going to win."

#### Personal highs and lows

With every failure comes success. Working hard and pushing through the tough practices lead to multiple best times and personal successes. "I wanted to perform at my best. It paid off because I dropped a bunch of time in my beaststroke," said senior Nick Sharp.

Not only did seniors leave with a bang, but the underclassmen pushed themselves harder than ever. "I made it into sectional finals this year, placing eleventh out of the top twelve," said sophomore diver Joey Vaclavik. "I was really surprised I made it. I think I got lucky that other people failed their last dive."

Before the success came, though, there were disappointments and frustrations shared. "I hurt my hip from indoor soccer in the beginning of the season. I was out for three weeks," said junior Nick Kudyba. "It made me have to practice harder when I got back in the water."

"Near the end of the season, I was ready to be done," said junior Jeremy Starks. "I had to use the hope that it'd be over soon to make it through the last three hard weeks."

#### Getting through the long days

In order to make it through the three to four hour long practices, some form of entertainment is needed. Whether it is some jokes between sets or some unwinding in the locker room afterwards, every little bit helps when exhaustion sets in. "After practice, we were all showering. (Senior) Gabe Sotres slid across the floor on his stomach. A couple other people joined him," said junitor David Stokes.

One of the funniest guys on the team, junior Jeremy Starks, always managed to keep everyone in good moods with a smile on their faces despite the difficulty of it. "Jeremy lightens the mood at practices and makes things more enjoyable," said junior Matt Ficht. "One of my favorite moments is when he does the Sam impersonations."

#### Rewards for the hard work

After the season is all said and done, awards night comes with great especiations. The team is given the option to vote for who they believe deserves MVP, most improved, rookie of the year, and best mental attitude. This year, senior lake Long earned MVP, most improved went to junior Jeremy Starks, freshman Danny Bolda was rookie of the year, and best mental attitude was awarded to junior Zach Bocanovich. When the team votes on who they want to be rewarded at the end of the season, it tends to mean more because their teammates awarded so more one of their day and Christmas break with their teammates. They get to know how they act in certain situations, and who is capable of leading their team with grace. In the end, it is add to say goodbey, especially to the seniors. After the blood, sweat, tears, and chlorine, the guys leave the pool as brothers.

## Kicking and splashing

page by Jordan Long and Jessica Ritte

#### Freestyle with the memories Spending the season listening to [junior] Jeremy Starks

was the funniest thing I remember about swimming. He always mimicked people and kept me laughing all the time. It was a lot more funnier than I could have imagined," said freshman Taylor Backe. Whatever the memory may be, each swimmer holds a special remembrance to what they feel towards the swimming season. As the team executed many exercises everyone gained some sort of memory

"I would have to say playing water polo with the team was the most fun time for me. I'll always remember it," said sophomore Ashley Nooiin.

#### A school of fish...or friends

Griffith High School swimmers tend to make friends with peers they never would have imagined themselves friends with. "I got to meet a lot of new people and got closer to the people I already knew," said freshman Manon Carter. The girls weren't just friends in the pool; they also had a Christmas party held at senior Ali Pietrucha's house. The team had a gift exchange and recited a poem while each girl passed presents around for the grab bag.

#### Freshman Frenzy

Being a team of freshmen, the team overcame a lot of obstacles. Many of the incoming freshman had no past swimming experience, but stepped up and contributed to the team's wins. Freshman Cindy McInemey recieved the Rookie of the Year award and felt proud of everything she's accomplished this year. "I feel satisfied with the job I did. I was glad that I did so well because I never swam in organized swimming before. Just winning the award proved to myself I did my best," said McInemey.

For the first time, all the freshman girls received Most Improved award. They put forth a lot of effort throughout the season and enhanced their skills.

After the awards
The team came together at the end all anticipating the awards being divided amongst the team. Not knowing who would win what, Ali Pietrucha received MVP, while sophomore Rachel Garastik took Best Mental Attitude. Four records have been broken this year with Ali Pietrucha breaking three records solely on her own: the 200 Individual Medley 2:21. 200 Freestyle 2:08, 100 Backstroke I:03. The fourth record to be broken was the 200 Medley Relay 2:03 with senior Ali Pietrucha in the backstroke, freshman Cindy McInerney in breaststroke, sophomore Kalie Lastagarkov in butterfly and senior Lindsey Meece in freestyle.



Griffith Varsity Girls' Swimming

Conference

1-4

Overall 9-6 Highland 94-891 Lowell 133-50 L Munster 135-51 L Hohart 101-76 W KV 113-73 L

Merrillville 100-85 L Wheeler 114-66 I

Gavit 111-64 W West Side 111-41 W Morton

107.5-67.5 W Hammond 164-73 W East Chicago 164-68 W Calumet

Bishop Noll 158-55 W Clark 158-59 W Conference Meet 5th

Forfeit W

#### Eves on the prize

When I'm taking my warm-up lap before a meet it helps me focus and concentrate on what I need to do," said junior Casev McDaniel, McDaniel ending up winning the race at the Hobart meet

#### Winning the gold

Pumped up, senior Ali Pietrucha, gets prepared for the 200 IM race. "The start is really important because in a race. it can all come down to a millisecond," said Pietrucha.











Row I: Bri-anne Andriessen, Jesse Yarnelle, Sara Torres, Alyssa Lanting, Shar Kunka, Jessica Hermosillo, Michelle Torres, Michelle Urena, Emily Linders

Row 2: Abby Zarndt, Manon Carter, Alexis Morikis, Cindy McInerney, Stephanie DiSanto, Lauren Paprocki, Kaitlyn Gonzalez, Hannah Million, Rachel Mierzwa, Kimberly Dye Row 3: Rachell Hayes, Rachel Garastik, Alyssa Newiadomski, Sarah Kuna, Taylor

Backe, Kalie Lastagarkov, Cristina Aldape, Ashley Noojin

Row 4: Jenna Berzy, Raguel Mazur, Lindsay Meece, Ali Pietrucha, Casey McDaniel,

Allison Meece, Shannon Sheidel

#### Diving into the water

Doing a back dive at a Griffith meet, freshman Shannon Kunka dives into the water. "Diving is kind of like I'm flying in the air or on a trampoline just you are falling to the water instead," said Kunka.

#### The walk of fame

Celebrating for re-breaking the medlev relay at sectionals is something the team is very proud of. The relay team consisted of freshman Cindy McInemey, sophomore Kalie Lastagarkov, and seniors Ali Pietrucha and Lindsay Meece. "I really enjoyed the overall atmosphere of sectionals," said McInerney.





#### Lending a hand

Helping each other stretch out their inner thighs are sophomores Rachel Garastik and Kalie Lastagarkov. "I didn't enjoy practicing and stretching, but I did enjoy the friends I made in swimming," said Garastik.



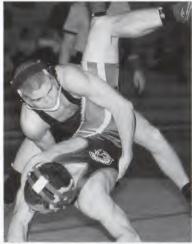




Row 1: Matt Beck, Mark Douglas, Barry Baltrusis, Joe Nunez, Shawn Siokos Row 2: Shi Fassoth, Nick Brumett, Collin Slagle, Zach Muller, Jake Koselke Row 3: TyJuan Culbreath Jr., Tyler Yost, Mark Rex, Justin Herrara, Joey Rivera, Ryan Bluhm, Brian Orzechowicz

Row 4: Russ Radke, Andrew Zarndt, Robbie Megquier, Travis Walls, Nick

Stassin, Ryan Camp

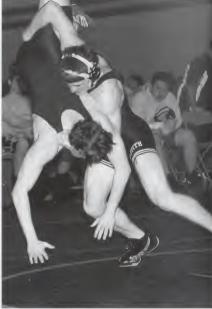


#### Drop 'em down

During wrestling sectional junior Brian Orzechowicz works hard to put his 112 pound foe on his back. 'I wish I could have placed higher, but I was happy I advanced to Region-als." Orzechowicz placed 2nd in the event.

#### Roll 'em around

To pin the other wrestler successfully in the 119 weight bracket, senior Shawn Siokos makes an attempt to get his opponent on his back. "I had some tough competition but ended up dominating that tournament," said Siokos





#### Pick 'em up

In the process of winning his match for the 145 pound weight class, senior Matt Beck takes his partner down in the Griffith Super Duals Tournament. I made this kid cry and bleed, and he still wanted to wrestle me, so I destroyed him," said Beck.

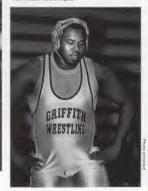
#### Get 'em to the mat

"I tried to get him down, but he put up a fight," said senior Joe Nunez. Nunez. Nunez was competing in a match for the 135 weigh class at Hobart for a shot at a conference title.



#### After a win

Moments after a victory over his opponent in the 285 pound weigh class at Calumet High School, senior Mark Douglas relaxes after his match. 'The match took a lot out of me, so I was taking a breath before my next match,' said Douglas.



# Colin Stage, 11

#### Griffith Varsity Wrestling

Conference 2-4 Overall 9-7

Gavit 54-24 W

Clark 53-19 W Munster 46-27 L Concord 48-30 W Michigan City 57-21 W South Bend Clay 49-18 L East Noble 48-18 L Lowell 48-18 L Hobart 55-16 L Andrean 66-18 W Highland 42-33 W KV 50-24 L Lake Station 58-8 W Calumet 48-20 L

# Get 'em to the mat

Page by: Brooke Trueblood

#### Awards and recognitions

Throughout the wrestling season, several of the team members earned awards and special recognitions for their outstanding efforts on and off the mat. Junior Brian Orzechowicz was voted varsity Most Valuable Wrestling by his coaches and teammates. Junior Collin Slagle was voted Varsity Most Improved. An accomplishment gained by senior team captain, Matt Beck, was the voted Best Mental Attitude and also was greatly honored with the title of Academic All-State, first team.

#### Working toward State

The boys on the team went far in state competitions for the 2009-2010 year. Several of them even went as far as Semi-State. The road to state is a tough one, having to go through Sectionals, Regionals, and a Semi-State before being a contender in the big state tournament. Unfortunately, none of the members of the wrestling team this year were able to advance to State. But on the upside, several boys earned Sectional and Regional titles, including junior Collin Slagle, junior Brian Orzechowicz, senior Shawn Siokos, and senior Matt Beck, taking 2nd in their individual weight brackets. Seniors Kevin Bynum and Mark Douglas placed 3rd in their weight groups, and senior Joe Nunez, freshman Preston Nelson and sophomore Justin Herrera placed 4th in their weight classes. For Regional contenders, Slagle, Orzechowicz, Siokos, and Beck all placed 2nd in their weight brackets, taking Regional titles. Semi-state qualifiers were Slagle, Orzechowicz, Siokos, Beck, and Douglas.

#### Getting ready

Preparations for meets and tournaments are strict for the wrestlers who participate in them. From running with mounds of clothes on to "cutting," bounds in mere hours, these boys demonstrate a major amount of dedication. "To drop weight before a meet or tournament, we would wear a bunch of sweats and stuff to help us drop weight quicker," said sophomore Robbie Megquier. Most of this time, the boys opt to eat less than usual to maintain weight. This is a more risky approach to quick weigh loss, but is found to be the most effective method, according to several of the wrestlers.

#### Bringing it all together

To become a strong close knit clan, teams like to do different types of activities to ignite the union. For the wrestling team tiss year, they did a few activities to help them succeed individually and as a team. "We would go out to eat every Saturday, Red Robin was usually the spot. Ordering unlimited root beer floats was awesome, but not for our weight though," said sophomore Tyler Yost. Along with that time they spend together on the side, the team also spent lots of time practicing everyday after school, on academic breaks, and tournaments almost every to every other weekend.

# Serve it up!

page by Melissa Miller

#### Sticking together

Every team goes through many ups and downs during the span of the asson. A challenging practice or a heartbreaking defeat can cause a team to quickly fall apart. Sticking together and never giving up during a long match is one of the reasons why the girls tennis team had such a successful season. "I enjoy being on the tennis team because all the girls are really fun to be around. No matter win or lose, we always have each others' backs," said sophomore Alyssa Carter.

#### Rivalry

Every sports team at GHS has at least one rivalry team in their schedule. This season most of the girls really looked forward to playing the Hobart Brickies. "I was really excited for our match against Hobart," said junior Michelle Sopetti. Even though the Panthers were defeated by the Brickes they put forth a lot of effort. "Our skill level and Hobart's is pretty equal. All our matches against them are usually very exciting and close," said Sopetti.

#### A final farewell

At the end of every season the girls tennis team has an award banquet in the GHS cafeteria. At the banquet everyone participates in a gift exchanging game called "The White Elephant." Every girl brings a tacky random gift to the banquet. Some of the random gifts this year included a large candle stand, a necklace, and a frog printed purse. The girls draw names out of a hat and either grab a gift off the table or steal one from another teammate. "The gift exchange is really fun and gets very intense. It's a great way to end the season," said sophomore Amber Aktins.

#### Sectionals

Winning a sectional championship is one of the biggest goals for all high school sports teams. Even though the girls' tennis team went into sectionals with a losing record, they had a lot of confinedence that they could be victorious. Unfortunatly the girls' were defeated by their long time rival the Highland Trojans early in the first round. "Even though we lost I think we did the best we could. I'm very of all the girls for doing their best and never giving up," said junior Lindews Vooetti.



Conference 0-6 Overall 3-11

Tennis

Calumet 4-1 W
Bishop Noll
3-2 L
Lake Central
5-0 L
Clark 5-0 W
Portage 5-0 L
Highland 5-0 L
KV 5-0 L
Lowell 5-0 L
Andrean 4-1 L
Hobart 5-0 L
Munster 5-0 L
Gavit 4-1 W
Wheeler 4-1 L

Sectionals Highland 5-0 L





#### Teamwork

After slapping raquets for good luck, doubles partners junior Chrissy Cologrove and senior Jackie Lopez get ready to dominate. 'I had a great time this season. Jackie and I worked very hard and made a great doubles team,' said Colgrove.



#### Acel

About to serve the ball, junior Mary-Carmen Meraz concentrates on her swing. "This year was tough on every one but we really came together as a team and never gave up," said Meraz.







Row 1: Mercedes Hermosillo, Mari-Carmen Meraz, Jessica Hermosillo, Jackie Row 1: Mercedes Hermosillo, Mar-Carmen Meraz, Jessica Hermosillo, Jacke Lopez, Kars Buchhotz, Sarah Torres, Michelle Torres, Michelle Urena Row 2: Juliana Duvnjak, Stacie Webber, Miryea Cisneros, Rashawn Gamble, Ali Acewedo, Imari Ross, Chrissy Colgrow, Karina Silva Row 3: Coach Harnew, Amber Atkins, Katie Cahill, Sydney Lidster, Michelle Sopetti, Lindsey Sopetti, Brooke Pospychala, Alyssa Carter, and Tracy Sines

#### Taking care of business

After sharing the game plan of how to demolish the Highland Trojans, Coach Tracy Sines offers her advice. "This season the girls improved their personal weaknesses and played their hardest," said Sines.



#### Serve Recieve

Receiving a serve from the opposing team, junior captain Jessica Hermosillo tries to earn a point for the Panthers. "Playing the number one spot this year had many challenges, but I overcame them and had a lot of awesome times doing so," said Hermosillo.

Senior year After returning a serve from the Panthers' long time rival the Highland Trojans, senior Kara Buchholz gets ready to play defense. "I love playing tennis. I had a great senior year on the team," said Buchholz. "I'm very sad for my final season to come to an end; I'm going to miss everyone."



Row 1: Ross Myers, Jacob Loomis, Zach Kisfalusi, Zach Spires, Josh Kisfalusi, Josh Ashenbaugh, Sean Downs, Tyler Morrison Row 2: Logan Bocok, Nick Stassin, William Bogan, Mike Worosz, James Steinhubel,





Nick Ficht, Justin Phillips



Jake Long

#### Putt for par

Number one golfer, senior Justin Phillips, has been the most consistent golfer on the team with an average of 41. "I can't describe this season other than it was a complete success." said Phillips.





Waiting game

Waiting for his turn to shoot. freshman Ross Myers studies the course at Wicker Park in Highland, "I could have played better, but on the good side, I had no penalties," said Myers. The team beat Highland by a 3 shot margin.





After hitting his shot, senior Zach Kisfalusi throws on his bag and begins to walk towards his next shot. "I had my ups and downs this year, but I became a better ball-striker as the season continued," said Kisfalusi,

Watching his shot, junior Josh Kisfalusi, waits to see where his ball will land after a great drive at Wicker Park. "I have been working on my short game all year. My putting has improved a lot, but I need to still get better at chipping for next season," said Kisfalusi





Griffith Varsity Golf

Conference 3-3 Overall 13-4

Andrean 171-189 L Portage 176-155 L Munster 178-165 L Wheeler 187-194 W Hobart 183-187 L Clark 173-217 W Gavit 171-223 W Lake Station 167-250 W KV Invite 361 7th Highland 184-187 W Inwell 169-182 W Calumet/Morton/ Whiting 0-5 W ECC/ Clark/Whiting

3-2 W LC Invite 369 10th NCC Tournament 352 3rd

> Sectionals 339 3rd

Regionals 358 12th

## Struggles lead to success

page by: Zach Kisfalusi and Jake Long

Bangin' Bus Rides

The Griffith High School boys' golf team does not practice like an ordinary sports team. The boys have to travel to Sherwood Golf course every day to practice and for their home matches. This means that the boys ride the short bus driven by coach Mike Worosz, "The bus rides are awesome because we mess around since we are on the short bus, and we listen to O101 on the way to our matches," said junior Matt Ficht. "I usually like to take a nap on Justin's [Phillips] shoulder, so I don't fall asleep on the golf course." The team has to spend at least fifteen minutes each way on the bus, as well as practicing together for multiple hours everyday from spring break until the end of the school year.

#### Practice

With a long season, the golf team begins practice usually when the weather outside is not very friendly with temperatures below 50 degrees and strong wind. "It's ridiculously cold outside when we start practice. By the end of the season it is ridiculously hot," said iunior James Steinhubel.

This year senior Zach Kisfalusi also had the luck and skill to have a hole in one, a rare feat for even the best golfers.

#### Team Bondin'

Starting this year, the boys' golf team wanted to have a more close knit relationship. This movement was led by senior Justin Phillips. who chose to start a tradition of eating at Potbelly's after every home match. "One day we decided to go to Potbelly's after a match to celebrate James Steinhubel's birthday, and it just turned out to be the place we all went throughout the season," said Phillips, "We went there three or four more times towards the end of the season and just had fun being together and hanging out."

#### Regionals

After a midseason struggle, the varsity golf team, seniors Zach Kisfalusi and Justin Phillips, junior Josh Kisfalusi, and sophomores Josh Ashenbaugh and Nick Stassin, started shooting the lowest they have this season with third place finishes at both the NCC Tournament and sectionals. This is the third time in four years that the golf team has qualified for regionals. "I was jacked to make it out of sectionals this season. We improved so much and we really deserved it," said sophomore Josh Ashenbaugh.



## Keep Running

page by: Ellison Cullen

#### Get it going

Motivation to win a track and field event comes from both within the athlete themselves and by the support of their teammates. "I warm up with the team, then my name is called. I start to get my blood flowing and muscles warmed up, Mentally I, try to clear my mind and just go with my institucts," said sophomore Rachelle Fogarty. Although track and field is made up of many individual events, it is the whole team that rallies together and cheers their teammates on to a win. "You need everyone to keep you motivated and pump you up for your events," said Fogarty.

#### Sectional traditions

Being part of the track team has numerous benefits. Many of these athletes participate in multiple sports, "Track is the best way to keep in shape for other sport. It also takes personal commitment to run track," said Coach Alex Brandon.

Members at practice participate in stretching, conditioning, and cardio exercise to help increase their speed and distance at their next meet. "Track helps people lose weight, strengthen muscles, and run longer," said sophomore Billie Rietz.

#### State here she comes!

Most athlets hope to earn the chance to go to state. Senior Stephanie Negrete had that honor at the end of her track and field season. On June 4th, at Indiana University in Bloomington. She participated both in the discus and shot-put events. She was the only one to represent Griffith at state this year. Negret's personal goal was to do better than last year at state. She reached it by receiving 5th out of 27th in discuss and 10th out of 27th in shot-put. Throughout the season, practices and meets helped her prepare for this big event. "Training for these events was not much different than other meets. I had to work harder and get more throws in at practice. I was actually very relaxed and just looked at it as a regular meet." said Negrete.

#### Beat 'em

Working toward the same goal in a track and field team event can bring out a little competitive spirit among the athletes. "My toughest competition is my 4 by I learn because we are all equally fast, and we are all trying to win. It has been the same since freshmen year. We have had different people, but we're all trying to get one thing and that is to win." said junior Kyra Scheeringa. The desire to defeat certain schools can create great rivalry. These rivalries build up over the years. "We definitely have a team rivalry with Munster and Highland. We do the best we can and try to come out with the highest numbers at the end of the track meet," said Scheerings.



Griffith Girls Track

Conference 4-9 Overall 5-8

TF South 67-45 W Bishop Noll 67-20 W Highland 70-53 L Munster 95-33 L Lowell 76-561 Hohart 83-45 W KV 74-57 W Andrean 85-46 W

Sectionals third out of eleven

#### Nailed itl

Nailing the first hurdle junior Samantha Marker pushes forward. I just tried to jump my highest and to beat the girls I was competing with, said Marker, Marker was competing against eight other schools at this invite.



What's the weather like?
Rainy, sunny, or even freezing
cold. It doesn't matter what the
weather is the girl track team
is out side there practicing. 'It
was hard and we all wanted to
quit, but we didn't because we
had each others motivation,'
said junior Lakisha Hill.











Row I: Desiree Walker, Arianna Suarez, Caitlin Brown, Kanesha Jones, Anna Schaffal Row 2: Billie Raitz, Kathleen Villpando, Wiletra Coldwell, Taylor Austin, Aminta Diallo. Shae Siokos, Natilee Drach, Allison Meece, Rachelle Fogarty

Row 3: Shannon Sheidel, Shanaizha Scheeringa, Antonia Vortic, Brittni McLemore, Samantha Marker, Stephanie Negrete, Victora Anderson, Kyra Scheeringa, Na'Vaisa Fleming, Alex Brandon,

Row 4: Matt Bliss, Komora Owens, Elizabeth Booker, Brianna Nelson, Jada Harris, Pashon Brady, Janessa Salinas, Jesse Yarnelle, Vanessa Blankenship, Lakisha Hill, Brian Orkis

#### Put your hands up!

Doing the long jump at the Highland Invite, sophomore Brianna Nelson landed the jump just the way she wanted to. "I've been pushing myself all season, and all of the hard work and practices are finally paying off," said Nelson.



#### How far will it go?

Sophomore Janessa Salinas chooses to only participate in the shot-put, out of all the events track offers, Salinas is getting in the zone to throw her best. "I was trying to focus on the score to beat my opponent and beat my personal best," said Salinas.

Sprint to the finish Track is an individual sport until you get to the relay teams and that is when more of the teamwork comes out. "After watching the other two girls before me run I push myself harder for my two laps," said senior Anne Scheffel. Scheffel was the third member of the relay to get the baton.



Row I: David Koen, Miguel Valtierra, Eeryn Abram, Edward Johnson, George Walker, James Davidson, Andy Duhon

Row 2: Russ Raddke, Nathan Bailer, Matthew Bluhm, Troy Yarnelle, Gilbert Eatman,

David Stokes, Jacob Schnoor, Ahmad Khalid

Row 3: Bo Radtke, Kortland Bryant, Ron Higginbotham, Maciej Szczepkowski, Miles Collins, Robbie Mequir, Brian Orkis, Michael Yarnelle





#### Strength or not?

\*Discus involves a lot more technique than strength," said sophomore Maciek Szczepkowski, There is a certain technique to throwing the discus at the high school level. Szczepkowski throws shot-put as well as discs.

#### Full steam ahead

With adrenaline and anticipation of the starting gun of the 100 yard dash, sophomore Eeryn Abram takes off from the starting line as beads of sweat drip down his face. "Power is every-thing in sprinting," Abram said.









#### Blast offl

Launching off of the wooden board at the end of the long jump runway, junior Edward Johnson tres to get the most out of his third and final jump. "Long jump is a lot more fun than just running," said Johnson, "plus, the feeling you get after beating your personal record is great."



Griffith Varsity Track

Conference 0-6 Overall 0-5

Highland

90.6-35.3 L Munster 110-21 L Lowell 116-16 L Hobart 99-33 L Kankakee

Valley 92.5-

39.51

Andrean

92-391



Ready to throw the shotput, freshman Zachary Grin gets into his throwing stance. "It's great to be able to throw at the high school level as a freshman because I feel like I'm getting a lot of positive experience," said Grin.

#### Ready... handoff!

In order to make a good exchange of the baton during the 4 by 800 relay, sophomores Joel Kepchar and Miguel Valtierra have to stay focused and know their team signals. "We yell out Panther as we come up to hand off so that we don't get confused with the other teams," said Kenchar.

## Run Griffith,

Run

page by: Hannah Hack

#### Rebuilding season

The 2010 Gnintil High School boys' track season was a time for rebuilding. After losing numerous numers from previous seasons, the team had to add new runners, including incoming freshmen and some athletes that had never run track or even participated in cross-courty before. Junior Gilbert Eatman has participated on the boys' track team since freshman year of high school. "Sophomores Troy Yamelle and Maciek Szczepkowski are big assets to the rebuilding of the track team and hopefully next year they come back so we can win a meet," Eatman said. The team was not very successful in their quest for team points, but they did improve personally. "I feel like I improved on my sprints from last year, which is a good thing and can hely me not only in track but also in football." Eatman added.

Many of the boys on the team use track as a way to stay in shape for other sports. Football is the main sport they need to be conditioned for: "Track is a great way to maintain my stamina," Eatman continued. Even though the team was not very successful; the season can be viewed as a rebuilding time after losing many former seniors.

#### Multi-sport juggling

When it comes to any snorts season, athletes have to make tough decisions when it comes down to which sport they want to play. Some may choose to drop one sport and focus on another, or to be a two-sport athlete and choose one as their primary sport. Freshman Austin Brown chose the two-sport route and played on the junior varsity baseball team as well as competed in the 400 yard dash, the 4 by 4 relay and the long jump. Brown ran track in middle school and wanted to follow through with the sport in high school, but he made baseball his primary sport, meaning if track and baseball had practice on the same day, he would attend baseball practice, "I go to track meets when there's no baseball games, but I don't practice for track," Brown said. The Spring sport season already may seem long for single sport athletes, but when an athlete participates in two sports, it could become difficult, "It's kind of hard to juggle baseball and track because I've played baseball for a long time. I want to give a good effort into the games, but I'm also dedicated to track and to help my team out." Brown was also promoted to varsity for baseball at the end of the season.

#### Pre-season success

The boys on the track team had high expectations, as most athletes on sports teams do. Although the team did not come out on top, sophomore Troy Yarnelle achieved fourth place in the 110 meter high hurdles as well as the 300 yard low hurdles. Yarnelle advanced to the Chesterton regionals where he finished ofth in the 300 meter hurdles and 7th in the 110 meter hurdles. "I practiced a lot harder and tried to focus more on my technique," Yarnelle said. Another sophomore that advanced to regionals was Maciel Szcozlepkowski. He advanced in the shoput by placing fifth in sections.

"There was really tough competition at regionals. It was very different from sectionals, and I knew it was going to be, so during the week of practice leading up to the meet, I had to train harder and mentally prepare myself." said Szczepkowski. Neither of the athletes placed in the top four of their event to advance to state. "Coing to regionals was a huge accomplishment for both of us and a great learning experience," added Szczepkowski.

### Too legit to guit

page by: Kristi Buxton & Stephanie Brandne

#### Living on a Prayer

ous ride starts out the same. Picking a bus partner and trying to get thoughts together before a big game. Rocking out to an iPod, the blood starts pumping and the adrenaline flows. Before every home or away softball game, the varsity team belts out Bon Jovi's "Living on a Prayer."

'Brad (Stephanie Brandner) started singing it on the bus one day and we all just sang along and it just stuck. If we didn't sing it before a game we felt unprepared," said senior Kalvnn Ruiz.

"Living on a Prayer" was what pumped up the team before every game and it carried them through some tough competitors. After singing "Living on a Prayer" past the Lowell softball field, the Panthers defeated the number one ranked team in the region, the Lowell Red Devils. The softball team really was living on a prayer.

Overnight laughs
Some teams don't get the opportunity to stay overnight in a hotel with their teammates. Fortunately for the varsity softball team, they get to stay overnight in Hartford, Indiana for the Blackford tournament. Although, the outcome of the tournament wasn't exactly what the team had hoped for, the girls still had a blast.

"I think that Blackford helped us bond as a team. We didn't play as well as we'd hoped but it showed us how well we can compete." said senior Stephanie Shively. The varsity team also absorbed four junior varsity players so that they could fill out their roster.

"Blackford was a great first taste of varsity softball. The girls were really supportive and we became one big team," said sophomore Emilee Trueblood. The Blackford trip established awesome memories like playing the popular game Ninja. Blackford is a tradition that all softball players look forward to and it will continue to be a great way for the team to come together.

#### School first

very coach repeats that school always comes first. Keep your grades up and there will be no problems. Unfortunately for the varsity softball team, after both team rosters were set grades became a problem. Two varsity players were rendered ineligible to play because of their grades. Even after trying to pull up their grades they couldn't make the cut. The teams got a crushing blow after the girls left. The girls this season learned a valuable lesson that school definitely comes first.

"I was very disappointed in the girls, as well as sad. I felt sorry for the girls it affected as well as the team. We lost our leading hitter and another pitcher. Losing them put a lot of pressure on the younger players," said head varsity coach Ed McLeod.

#### Sectionals

The Griffith High School varsity softball team anxiously checked their phones on Wednesday, May 12. This would be the day that they found out who they drew for sectionals. On Tuesday, May 26, the softball team faced the Kankakee Valley Kougars for their first sectional game. The sectional was held at Kankakee Valley so the Kougars had a home field advantage. Unfortunately, a tragedy occurred to the KV softball team. Their starting catcher Taylor Cavinder died in a car accident five days before the game. Griffith's softhall team wore black arm hands with her number nineteen, to

"I wish we would've went further but I'm glad we lost to a team that needed a win for their teammate because they were down and it was nearly impossible for them to stay in the game," said freshman Samantha Adams.



Griffith Varsity Softball

Conference

4-8 Overall 10-14

Merrillville 8-0 W Chesterton 3-0 L Hobart 3-1 W Highland 4-1 L Andrean 3-1 I Hanover Central 2-0 W Munster 5-3 L South Bend Riley 6-1 W 12-3 I Renssalaer 13-2 W Lowell 3-2 W KV 6-2 W Blackford 3-1 I Relmont 4-1 I Hohart 8-2 W Highland 3-0 L Andrean 4-0 L Morton 9-0 W Munster 8-2 I Lowell 4-1 I KV 4-2 I

> Sectionals KV 3-2 L

Crown Point

7-0 I

Calumet 4-3 W

Wheeler 3-2 I



In the sectional game versus Kankakee Valley, junior Cassie Shanks faces a tough at bat. "It was a close game to play, neither team had any runs until late in the game. The team had a lot of hits we just didn't come out on top," said Shanks.





Play your heart out As she throws the ball, senior Stephanie Shively is determined to get an out. "Playing shortstop is really intense, it's a lot more exciting than playing outfield. I like both positions, so whichever one I play, I enjoy,"

said Shively.







Row I: Cassie Shenks, Stephanie Brandner, Jodeci Grebos Row 2: Kalynn Ruiz, Stephenie Shively, Katie Biancerdi, Alysse Ven Horssen.

Row 3: Aubri Larson, Kristi Buxton, Alex Latronica, Ed McLeod, Ashley Parish. Alvssa Gebo, Jessie Mazzone



The Griffith High School varsity softball team played Kankakee Valley for the first game of sectionals. "It was an intense game and both teams brought their A-games, that game was a heartbreaker for us," said sophomore Stephanie Brandner, The Panthers lost to KV 3-2.

#### Down and ready

Ready to field a ground ball, senior Alyssa Van Horssen prepares to scoop up the ball. "I'm going to miss how well the team got along this year." I'm sad it's over, but I had a great time playing for four years," said Van Horssen.



Row I: Marris Mihalcik, Megan Gele, Caylee Adams, Chloe Norton, Melissa Martinez, Tiffany Burbridge, Sierra Gutierrez

Row 2: Don Bence, Emily Kuzmanoff, Casey McDaniel, Katie Gardner, Jamie Rex. Emilee Trueblood, Kevin Bracket





3 strikes you're out

Focusing on the batter, junior Alex Latronica pitches with great force and determination. "I really enjoy pitching. It's something I have been doing since I was young, and I plan on continuing it in college," said Latronica.



Throw it down Senior Kalynn Ruiz fires the ball down to second base. "I like catching because you're always involved in the game. It never gets boring," said Ruiz. "Playing softball is the one thing in high school that I enjoyed most," continued Ruiz.



Row 1: Dustin Holycross, Zac Adams, Sam Carter, Cody Modglin
Row 2: Jesse Smith, Mike Dobosz, Mike Lanfear, Jake Evanich, Jason Short,
Nathan Lare, Gerrett Litke

Row 3: Matt Corlett, Celvin Bonewits, Jeff Godlewski, Eric Bean, Jeremy Camp



Row I: Shawn Gallina, Mark Nelleman, Edward Cley, Devid Gonzalez, Zach Muller Row 2: Tyler Hemilton, Andrew O'Brien, Riley Henderson, Austin Brown, Josh Chalifoux



Ali Pietri

#### Ready for action

Focusing on every swing, senior Sam Carter warms up on deck. "I never get nervous when I'm on deck. I practice a lot so I have confidence in my abilities," said Carter.



Alı Pietrucha



#### Team support

In order to keep their teammates motivated, seniors Matt Corlett and Mike Lanfear encourage the players from the dugout. "We yell from the dugout to keep everyone on the field pumped up," said Corlett. Concentrating on success

Relaxing in the dugout, senior Jake Evanich watches intently as his teammates bat against Lowell. "The best part of the game was when [senior] Sam Carter went to throw the ball down to third and tripped and fell," said Evanich.



High hops

"I do whatever it takes to stop the ball from getting past me. You just have to be athletic and can't be lazy," said senior Jeff Godlewski, as he jumps into the air to catch a throw from the outfield at a home game.

Shooting for a strike
Determined to strike his Lowell opponent out, junior Calvin
Bonewits throws for his target.
'Pitching on varsity is nervewracking at first, but once I get
out there and throw that first
pitch I fall into a rhythm and
feel great,' saud Bonewits.



Griffith Varsity Baseball

Conference 2-10 Overall 9-19

Calumet 16-2 W Morton 5-1 L Portage 2-1 L Merrillville 15-5 I Crown Point 11-6 I Lake Central 12-9 L Kankakee Valley 6-3 L Andrean 7-0 I Mishawaka 11-7 W South Bend Clay 6-1 L Highland 10-5 L Munster 8-5 I Whiting 8-4 L Hohart 3-1 L Lowell 8-7 L Holland Christian 10-6 W East Grand Rapids 10-8 L Kankakee Valley 6-1 W

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Sectionals Rensselaer 7-3 W Andrean 15-0 L

Washington Township 16-10 W

# Bats, balls, and boot camp

age by Kaitlyn Herron and Sarah Gustolisi

Hard-core conditioning

Many sports here at Griffith have tryouts right before the season, and then condition to prepare for games or meets. Baseball, though, is an exception to this common schedule. The baseball team begins having work outs in September to build strength for the conditioning and the season. The work out so go through December, for two days per week and two hours each work out. In January, the players start their normal conditioning schedule. Each week, two conditioning sessions are held for two hours each. One hour of the conditioning is spent doing Tae Bo and boot camp, and the other hour is spent working on baseball fundamentals, such as throwing, batting, and fielding. "Conditioning is really hard but it pays off in the end, because strength is necessary." Said freshman Jesse Smith.

Tae Bo and boot camp

Inis year, the 2010 baseball team strayed away from the normal conditioning stereotype. Instead of countless' suicide 'runs, sprints, and lifting weights, the baseball team conditioned with weeks of Tae Bo. Tae Bo is similar to kick boxing. It consisted of a lot of core work, a lot of punching, and cardio. The boys also got a chance to condition by dancing. 'Tae Bo was interesting when we had to dance because we had to shake out hips and we were all laughing at each other," said junior Michael Dobosz. Beth Saliga, Special Education, also helped the boy's baseball team with conditioning. She would make the conditioning tough by having the boy's do the Tae Bo work-out to up-beat music, and speed it up to make the workout more intense. Another method she used to condition the 2010 baseball team was Boo Camp.' Endurance, running, core work, push-ups, situps, and lunges were exceuted once a week in Boot Camp.

Trips and tournaments

Despite having three to four games each week, the Griffith baseball team also plays in many weekend tournaments. This season, they participated in three tournaments: South Bend, Grand Rapids, and the Pamther Classic. At the South Bend tournament, the Panthers played two games. In the first game, against Mishawaka, Griffith came back to win 10-6 after being down 3-1 in the first inning. In the second game, Griffith lost to South Bend Clay. The Pamthers spent a weekend in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where they played two games. They won the first game against Holland Christian and lost the second game against East Grand Rapids. The Griffith Panthers hosted the Pamther Classic, where they slaughtered both East Chicago Central and Kouts. Freshman Jesse Smith pitched a one hitter against Kouts.

Sectionals

Throughout months of conditioning and many season games, Griffith haseball was busy preparing for one part of their season: play-offs. Sectionals were held at Andrean high School, Griffith played their first game against Renosclaer on Wedendedy, May 26. After a tied score in the third inning, the Griffith Panthers came back to win 7-3. Their second sectional game was played on Saturday, May 29. against Andrean. This game ended much differently than the first. Andrean beat the Griffith Panthers with a final score of 15-0. "I feed we played really well against Renscaler, but we failed to carry the momentum into the Andrean game. They were two completely different games," said juinto Eric Bean.



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#### Covering the expenses

One of the advantages of being in clubs at Griffith is the opportunity to experience field trips to many different places, such as Europe and Costa Rica. The only problem that exists with field trips is the need for money. For this reason, many clubs this year have taken up the task of selling candy bars to cover the expenses. Everyone can enjoy a candy bar once in a while, so selling candy bars is a quick, effective way to create funds.

"I really like the fact that at almost any given time I can buy candy bars. I love chocolate so it's nice to be able to satisfy my crave whenever I have the money," said senior Amanda Valtierra.

"I don't even have to bring my candy box home," said senior Alyssa Van Horssen. "Everyone comes to me to buy candy bars. I don't even have to put any effort into selling."

For other clubs, generating funds can be a hassle. For newspaper and yearbook, selling advertisement spots is the main source of money. Without companies buying advertisements, these publications would be unable to operate because they do not make enough money from the sale of it to students. "I hate selling ads because I don't honestly believe people want to buy one. They probably just feel bad and want to help out," said senior Sara McInerney. "I would never want to waste my money on something as useless and pointless as an advertisement in one of our publications." Sara McInerney is the editor-in-chief of the Panther Press.

#### Thrifty spending

Being a student means being on a budget. Since students cannot work during the day, money isn't always easy to come by. Senior Pat Rueskin is always looking for ways to save money so that he can do what he wants to

"I'm a savvy shopper so I always use coupons," said Rueskin. "I am almost always in need of extra cash to spend on things that I need for the future. I always am looking for money to buy a new video game or movie for myself... Sometimes, I'll spend my extra money on clothes to represent the sports teams I love."

#### Volunteer work

An easy way to make money for many groups at Griffith is to offer fifty-fifty raffles. These raffles are an inexpensive vet effective way to get a little extra money to help with expenses For Griffith's chorale, all money that can be acquired is necessary in order for them to go on their trip to California for Spring Break. Junior Taylor Surowiec is helping Eddie Covarrubias, music department, generate funds.

"We don't make much off of fiftyfifty and other concert sales " said Covarrubias. "Every little bit helps us out though, and that's why we still do it."

#### Helping out

Serving pop at a concession stand is senior Kim Swender. Swender often helps out any program by volunteering to help out when she can. Any time a teacher needs help. Swender can be found raising her hand to donate her time. Giving back to her teachers is the main reason that Swender volunteers

"Mr. C does so much for us, so it's nice to be able to give back to him," said Swender. "Working the concession stand is also a great opportunity to talk to everyone that went to the concert. Doing this allows me to see what everyone thought of the concert itself."

#### Finding the right restaurant

After a fun night of dancing, senior Nick Biancardi went out to eat with his friends. Going out to eat with a group after a dance is very common at Griffith. Going out to eat is one of the many enjoyable experiences people have on the day of the dance. Dealing with a bickering group can be frustrating.

"Picking the right restaurant is necessary to having a great night," said Biancardi. "Since there's nothing good at Homecoming, picking the right restaurant to fit your whole group's needs can be difficult. I prefer somewhere that I can get a great burger for a great nrice









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Congratulations Reflector Seniors! Nick Bobowski, Kaitlyn Sudac, Kiara Gragido, Raquel Mazur, Amanda Zaborowski, Ali Pietrucha, Jake Long, Kaitlyn Herron







"I don't know what to say" Natalie lancosek, 9



"I am sad fhat the seniors will be leaving." Alvssa Niewiadomski, 10

# James Burch







Jimmy,

You have been an inspiration to us. Yesterday, we walked you to your first day of kindergarten, tomorrow we watch as you graduate and begin a new era of life, but today, we can see the strong willed young man full of character that you have become. With the morals and values that you hold close to your heart, and with humility and patience, these attributes will allow you to achieve happiness and success. You are our favorite son #I. We will always be there for you.

With Love, Mom and Dad



"A zoo is a place where animals observe silly people." Stephanie Baker, 1 I



"I am §lad senior year is almost over." Candace Hardy, 12

# Kaitlyn Herron





I think about your first day of school when you were younger and how you have grown up since then!

We are so proud of the person you have become and all of your accomplishments! Your whole family wishes you the best of luck, and we know you will achieve great things in life! Go for the stars!

All our love,

Mom, Grandma & Grandpa



## Joshua Chavez



losh,
We are very proud of
the fine young man
you have become. We
know great things await
you in the future. Al-

ways think positive

and follow your dreams.

Remember, we are always here for you.

Love,

Mom. Dad. & Jacqui



## Brian Brilmyer



Dearest Brian, You are loved beyond words, and we will love you beyond all time. So many treasures await you

in your journey

through life, and being blessed with you has been ours.
Love you Bri-Guy!
Mom and Dad



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"You just lost the game." Austin Griggs, 9



"Romeo, Romeo! Wherefore are thou Romeo?" Geroge Walker, 10

# Kier Elizabeth Brinkley



You were born on 3/2/92 at 3:02 in the afternoon. The nurse told us to buy a loftery ficket. We knew already what a wonderful gift we had been given, and just how lucky

we were. You have grown into a successful, beautiful, and caring young lady. Just remember to enjoy life and know how much you are loved by all of us! Forever In Our Hearts.

We Love you,

Dad, Mom, Brookie, and Brett





# Vivian Perez







"I love to be lazy and watch tv." Katelyn Lisle, 9



"Beauty equals pain." Morgan White, 10

## Jacob Anderson

Dear Jacob,
We are very proud of the man you have become. We know you will be successful in what you decide to do with your life. Remember—the best is yet to come!

Love,
Mom & Dad



# Shawn Siokos



Shawn,

We are all so proud of you. May all your dreams & goals come true. You're a wonderful son! We all have enjoyed watching you turn into the person you are today.

Love,

The Whole Family





"My friends are amazing and Hove them." Tabatha Hetien, 14



"Lam glad high school is over!" Brenda Banks, 12

## Teresa Castellanos



You have accomplished so much these past 18 years, from having played basketball in middle school and soccer from third grade to your senior year in high school. Everyone looks to you because of the way you've shown respect to everyone around you. Your potential and your love for others only reflects the unending love





and respect that we have for you. We are proud of you and we love you. With eternal love.

Mom, Dad, Yadi, and Anabel



# Jessica Ritter



lessy, We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. You are a wonderful and fun girl. You have given us so many great memories. Follow your dreams. You will always have all of our love and support.



Love, Mom, Dad, and Eric





"Music is the way to life." Janessa Tamez, 10



"Soccer is fun." Nick Kudyba, 10

## Danella Alvarez





Congratulations, my beautiful "little girl". We're so proud of you and what a wonderful person you've grown up to be. I remember all the things you said you would never do, like drive a car. Now look at you. You want to drive everywhere. So remember you can accomplish anything you set your mind to.



plish anything you set your mind to.
I will always be here for you.
I LOVE YOU!



Mom, Steve & Spike

## Valarie Scholte



We can't believe 18 years have gone by so quickly. Our cute, liftle girl has grown into a beautiful, young lady that were are so very proud of. Although you will always be our "liftle" girl, your "big" girl adventures are just beginning. We love you and will always you and will always

be here if you need us. Congratulations sweetie. Love you bunches and bunches, Mommy & Daddy

## Shanlynn Bias







Congratulations on a wonderful academic and athletic career. You've accomplished more than we could have ever imagined. You should be very proud of the young lady that you've grown into, because we are. Welcome to your life, you'll continue to do great things. WE LOVE YOU VERY, VERY

MUCH!!! Mom, Dad, Sister



"Hove my friends." Tim Takaes, 11



"Snitches get stitches." Victoria Anderson, 12

#### Eric Weber



Congratulations, Eric. We are so proud of you and the young man you have become. You have already taken on more than most people ever will. Good luck in college and with your future plans.
Love always,

Mom, Dad, Stacy, and Patrick

## Matthew Corlett



Dear Matthew,

We are so proud of your accomplishments. You have become a fine young man. We are so happy to see you reach your goals!

Mom & Dad

## Ashleigh Gates







From: Barney, Sesame Sfreef and "Good Sight Moon"
for NCR. Bahman and mogazines.
From: curls and frills - for Cop and gown.
Who knew line would go so quickly?
Ils been our honor and pleasure to watch you grow and change
from a curly-haired little girl, into a beautiful young lady.
We wish you luck, success, health and happiness.
No malter where you go or what you do, we will always be here
cheering you on. "Were your bigges! fans!"
We are SO PROUD of you!
Good luck in Bloominotic.

With all our love,
Dad, Mom and your Spiritualwarriorbrotha... Sarah

# Ryan McCoy





Lefty, we are very proud of the person you have become. From our little baby boy, you have matured into a wonderful son, a terrific student and one of the best high school bowlers in the country. Always follow your dreams and remember that we will always be there for you, Love.

Mom, Dad, and lake









"This is my first year at Griffith and it has been a pretty good experience." Marcus McReynolds, 9



"Hove my textile buddies." Adele Cox, 10

#### Veronica Smith





You can't base your life on other people's expectations. Keep a song in your heart and that beautiful smile on your face. Good luck in your future. Love,

Dad, Mom, Vanessa, and Victoria

#### Matt Plawecki





From baby to boy to teen And all of the days in between, You've been so much fun; You've been a greaf son, Now suddenly, you're eighteen.

We love you, Matt, you know And we will wherever you go, Whether near or far, You'll be our shining star And our love will continue to grow Congratulations! Love, Mom & Dad

## Amanda Zaborowski



Congratulations Mandy! We are so proud of you! If seems like it was just yesterday we were blessed with your birth. Time has passed so quickly. We have cherished every moment of your growing-up, from your foddler years, to your Wadsworth days, to all your volleyball games at the high school. You have become everything we had hoped you to be. As you start a new chapter of your life, remember to stay true to yourself:

follow your heart and you will achieve all of your hopes and dreams. Always know that we are here for you. You will always be our "Mush"

> All Our Love, Mom, Dad, Sammy, and Fluffy



"Hike to stomp the yard." Bashar Haddad, 11



"Randomness is the key to life." lacob Hernandez, 12

## Brooke Blackard



Reach for your dreams
No matter how far!
Go into the world
Find out who you are!
We are so proud of you!
Love,
Dad, Mom, and Emma





#### Rebecca Franker



Congratulations! You are now entering the next phase of your adult life. Keep your head up high and don't look back. Make your goals and dreams come frue! We believe in you! We Love you! Dad. Monn, and Renee



## Raquel Mazur





Raquel, you have the wisdom to question, the conscience to act, and the determination to incite change.

For the win...

Love, Mom & Dad

## Dylan Moulesong



All that is gold does not glifter. We hope your journey takes you to all the places that you dream of. When your path crosses the paths of those who love you, don't forget to wave. Love.

Mom & Dad





"The way to a man's heart is through his stomach." lacob Schnoor, 10



"Hove my brother dearly... Derek Revis" Thomas McCov. 10

## Savannah Mendoza



God has blessed us with a beautiful little girl who has made us proud. Be strong and follow your dreams. You are the role model for your siblings. Guide them and follow the road to success in life.



With All of Our Love. Papi, Mom, Alex, Marissa, Nina, and Mateo





### Kylee Loudenber

Shannon Carpenter

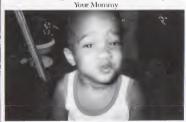


You have always been our little ANGEL. You are such a nice and caring person. We couldn't be any more proud of your accomplishments. The happiness you have brought to us is never ending. Thank you so much for being the best daughter, sister, and aunt that anyone could ask for. We love you!

Love. Your Great Big Family

## Stephanie Negrete

You are an incredible young woman, and I am so very proud of you. I know only good will come to you at Western Michigan in the fall, Good luck, Hove you.



Chick: We love you and are very proud of you. You've grown to be a wonderful young lady. We know you will do well in college and life. Love, Mema & Papa



what the future holds for you. Best Wishes Love, Dad, lanice, and Michael



"In Iowa dancing is illegal in the early morning." Keith Lidster, 1 1



"Get rich or die tryinė." Jada Harris, 12

#### Rachel Dennison



Rachel,

You are the best daughter parents can wish for. It has been our joy watching you grow up and being

part of your lifes experiences. We are always here for you. Reach

for the stars!
All our love,
Mom & Dad
We love you too,
Will & Jacob



#### Daniella Alvarez

Daniella.

Congratulations! Keep up the good work. Reach for you dreams. You can accomplish whatever you set out to do. We love you and we're proud of you.

> Love, Grandma and Grandpa G.

## Ashley Darrough





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# Kaitlyn Sudac



It seems just yesterday you were a kid, our bright eyed little girl. Now, here we are watching you graduate, a grown young lady. We couldn't be prouder of you Kaitlyn. We wish you success in all you do. Remember one thing we want you to know: Our love is with you wherever you go.



Love, Mom, Dad, and Megan Plus Oreo









"Roller skating in gym was the best." Rachael Kazmer, 9



"If in doubt no solution!" Mike Kent, 10

# Zachary Kisfalusi







Zach,

The years have gone by so fast. You are a determined and hard working young man. Always follow your dreams: success is waiting for you! May your future be bright, successful, and fun!! Remember you will always have our love and support. Embrace your dreams and follow your goals. Never give up on what you want from life.

Congratulations. We are so proud of you and all your achievements!

With all our love,

Dad, Mom, and Joshua









"Can I have it?!" Melody Elkins, 1 I



"In acting, we show who we really are." Ouin Barwick, 12

# Carissa Quintero





Carissa,

It has been a great pleasure watching you grow from a little angel to a beautiful, mature young lady. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. We look forward to continue watching you on your journey to adulthood. We know you will do great things, and we will support you every step of the way. We love you with all our hearts. Reach for the sky baby girl, its the limit, its yours.





Love you, Mom, Dad, Sam, Chris & Anthony

# Catie Drechny

You made your parents proud graduating the early way.
Your grades prove you're smart as we always did say.
Now, your educational sites need to change to reporting in the court.
May your future be successful and your worries be short.
Love.

Mom, Dad, and Tony







"Know your limits and break through them." Miguel Nunez, 9



"Break me off a piece of that Kit-Kat bar!" Lesley Pietsch, 10

# Willie Hernandez







Congratulations Willie on your High School Graduation!

We are so proud of you and your many accomplishments. Thank you for the concerts, track events, wrestling meets and the many football games. It was awesome watching you. You have shown what hard work and dedication can accomplish.

Remember your family loves you and will always be here for you. Willie, keep the faith, trust and believe anything is possible with God in your life.

Good luck at West Point Military Academy.

Love Always, Mom, Dad, and Brother









"Hike facos." Billy Rogers, 11



"Raquel (Mazur) helped me make this quote." Melissa Moisant, 12

# Jacquelyn Lopez



Jacquelyn L. Lopez
Whatever you've been doing, keep doing it! We are so
proud of you. Good luck at
Ball State, and remember
how much we will miss you.
Love you always,

Dad, Mom, Adrian, and Vixen



## Jake Long



To our favorite #3 son.
Eighten years ago, you quielly joined our family and effortlessly became our text-book "perfect" baby. That is, of course, legendary in the house. You've always required so little from us, yet there is so very much you have given. We are not only proud to be your prenis, but fruly homored. Your independence, kindness, compassion, humor and brilliance are all gitts you have never taken for granted, but in

to forge your way with a voice all your own. With all that you have already accomplished it is hard to imagine that this is only the beginning. It is incredible the mark that you have left on us. We cannot wait to see what mark you leave on the rest of the world.

Thanks for all memories, Kapu. We love you very much. Dad, Mom and the whole "!" crew



## Kara Buchholz



Dear Kara,

The years have gone by so fast, and you have become a beautiful young lady both inside and out. You have given us so many incredible memories. There will never be a challenge too big for you, and you will make all

your dreams come frue.

Your Dad and I could not be more proud of you. You will always be the best part of our lives. God has truly blessed us.

We love you so much!!!!
Always believe in yourself.
!!!!CONGRATULATIONS!!!!
Mom and Dad



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"School is boring." Andrew Figueroa, 9



"Live life and don't let people's opinions bother you." Lisa Kurpela, 10

# **Amber Crook**





#### Dear Amber.

You are a shining star in our lives. You have given us so much love and happiness since the day you were born. Everything you touch seems to sparkle. You are truly amazing and we are so proud of you. Reach for the stars, Baby, because you have proven that you can do anything you put your mind to. We love you with all our hearts,





## Lauren Hansen



Congratulations Lauren! You've completed the journey. Your heart and soul have been in everything you've done, academically, athletically, and personally. Your decisions and sacrifices have taken you to the next level. Congratulations on your basketball scholarship to IUSB and your enrollment in the premed program. You've earned it all and you will flourish. We love you and are very proud of you.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Craig, Sean, & Abby



"Who stepped on a duck?" Logan Bocock, 11



"No person who enjoys life is a failure." Kelsey Hitt, 12

## Nick Biancardi



Nick,

Every parent has the highest hopes for their child, and you are everything we hoped for and more. Your academic and athletic successes has been truly inspirational to us, and your crazy sense of humor has kept our family laughing. We have had a blast watching you grow from a sweet little boy into a kind and compassionate young man, and hope you never lose these gifts. May your future be filled with many blessings and much success. We are very proud of you, and love you so very much.





Love,
Dad, Mom, Elizabeth,
Tommy, and Allison

# Jessica Burbridge



Congratulations Jessica! We are so proud of you. We know that you will do well at anything you set your mind to. You have a bright future ahead of you. We are very proud of the person you have become, and wish you the best of luck.

Love, Mom, Dad, Tiffany, Brittany & Danny







"My idol is SB." Caylee Adams, 9



"A penny made is a penny earned."
Josh Ashenbaugh, IO

## Justin Phillips



Our Dear Justin.

The last eighteen years have made us so proud, because of you. Your accomplishments from academics to athletics have surpassed all of our expectations. You have given us so many wonderful memories to cherish. You make us so happy to have you as a son and brother. Most of all, we are so proud of the young man that you have become.



Keep God in your heart and life, and we know you will continue to meet your goals.

We wish you health, success, happiness and love. Good luck in college. Work hard, have fun, and remember your family is always here for you. We look forward to this next step of your life and are so happy that we can be apart of it.

All of our love.



Mom, Dad, and Jessica

## Michelle Velez



We love you Michelle, and we are very proud of you! You have a great personality, funny, and are very talented! Remember to always keep God in your life

and you
will become a success
in whatever you do...
Love, Dad Mom,
Daniel, Angel, Leslie,
"Ginger" & "Sydney"



## Megan Troksa



Megan-We have been so blessed to have you in our lives! You have been the PERFECT daughter, sister and auntie. We love you so much, Good luck in all you do, may all your dreams come true.

Love, Dad, Mom, Jill, Chris, Aiden & Bryce

#### Pashon Newson-Brady



Congratulations on achieving one of your many goals! I see "great" things for you as you continue your educational endeavors. May God continue to bless you richly and keep you in good health and mind. And so it is!

Love, Mom



"People think too much into drama in high school." Katie Biancardi, 11



"Take all you can get from high school." Brian Bock, 12

## Ali Pietrucha



Dear Ali,

To say you have accomplished a lot would be a vast understatement. You are a true leader in the class-room, on the court and in the pool. Your name will echo in the halls at Griffith for years to come. Your work ethic and

determination will take you wherever you desire. Aim big...Follow your heart...Boiler Up! We are so PROUD of our Little Miss Record Breaker.

Breaker, All our love, Mom & Dad



### Jacob Evanich





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## Josh Holbrook



Joshua

Congrafulations, you finally made it. I wish you well in whatever you choose to do in your future. Lust remember, no mafter how old you are you will always be my baby boy.

Llove you.

Mom

# Shanlynn Bias



Congratulations Shanlynn.....

From your very early years, you have exhibited a wonderful personality, shown tremendous character and worked very hard to accomplish your achievements.

With pride, continue on this path to your life's dreams.

Love, Your Grandparents, Bias

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"Brett B kicks the choir out from under Preston." Joseph Golub, 9



"Life is too short to wear boring socks." Alvssa Robertson, 10

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You are my one and only daughter and I



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#### Honoring the top graduates

After four long year's of hard work. Griffith's top students are showcased at graduation by being allowed to sit in the front row and graduationg before everyone else. The top ten was also given white sashes to wear to make them standout. Also being recognized was the class council officers. The officers were responsible for the various activities that the seniors did this year.

"I thought it was pretty cool that we were the first ones to graduate," said senior Shanlynn Bias. "We all worked so hard in our academics that we deserved to be recognized for that. Many of the top ten also had a lot of other activities to handle along with keeping up on their studies. That makes the accomplishment even more impressive."

Senior Willie Hernandez also had a special honor along with being in the front row for being a class council officer. Willie was given a purple sash to wear over the traditional yellow one.

"I'm still not quite sure why I was given the purple sash," said Hernandez. "I thought it was awesome to be able to wear a different color. I definitely stood out from the rest of the group. Some people said I look like a pope with my purple color.

Along with those honors, members of National Honor society were given a second tassle to wear on their cap. Members of DECA and members of Quill and Scroll were also given yellow and blue cords to signify their membership.

#### Catching a quick nap

At the end of the school year, students tend to have trouble focusing in class. With beautiful weather outside, students tend to put school on the back of their mind. Senior Josh Chavez is no exception to this Chavez is taking a break from reading Lord of the Files in Brian Jenning's English 12 class.

"At this point of the year, I'm just so ready to be done with school," said Chavez. "I don't even care about school all that much in the first place, and I care even less now. I just can't wait till this is all over with and I can sleep whenever I want to this summer."

#### Donating her work

One of the many events that students look forward to at the end of the year is prom and the following weekend, a weekend which, for seniors, marks one of the last events of high school. With time winding down, students are enjoying their last moments together as a class. Senior Lauren Hansen spent her prom weekend up at senior Jacob Long's cabin with her prom group.

"I had mixed feelings about prom," said Hansen. "I was excited to spend my senior prom with some of my best friends, but I was also upset that this was my last dance I'll go to in high school."

#### Cramming in work

Towards the end of the year, many students complain about the amount of work that is thrown at them by teachers. Freshman Brooke Pospychala has handled this added work fairly well. In Julie Wencloffs science class, Pospychala has enjoyed the new labs and activities that have been assigned.

"A tot of people are complaining about the extra work we've beau doing, but most of the activities are fun," said Pospychala. "I've really enjoyed doing labs like the worm dissection and the heart project that we had to draw and lahel."

#### Stepping into the future

Graduation for many means that big changes will be occurring. Many people are excited to go into their final summer as kids. Senior Jacob Evanich has big plans for his future over this summer. He has to constantly prepare for college baseball by playing in many different tournaments throughout the entire summer.

"I'm excited to be done with school and have summer," said Evanich." I'll have to sacrifice a lot of time with my friends for baseball, but it's worth it because it's always been a dream of mine to be able to play baseball in a Division I college."





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# WHO ARE WE?

This year has been a great year for me. It's hard to believe that my senior year is over. While it hasn't been everything everyone thought it would be in sports after an impressive junior year, it has been more than what I expected in terms of memories, fun times, and lasting friendships.

The staff has worked extra hard this year at putting out a great yearbook so we can all remember this year forever.

As we are all excited to move onto bigger and better things, I hope that one day, many years from now, you read this book and remember all the great memories you had back in high school.

Sincerely,

Jacob Long
Editor-in-chief





